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Nurse in recruitment commercial joins pay deal critics

Tories demand Clarke's recall from holiday

Backbenchers warn of 'timebomb' in NHS

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, faced calls from Conservative MPs last night to return from holiday in Spain to act to quell the new crisis over nurses' pay.

The demands came after a day of embarrassment and disarray for the Government, with Tory MPs claiming that the Government was sitting on a "timebomb" on nurses' pay which threatened to overshadow its health service review.

The Prime Minister's new health team, picked for its communication strengths, found itself in the middle of a presentational muddle, with all three ministers away on holiday and unable to give a prompt response to accusations that the Government was "sabotaging" new clinical grading structures.

Eventually Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary for Health, and the duty minister at the Department of Health, interrupted her holiday in Yorkshire to give a hastily arranged series of television and radio interviews to put the Government's case.

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The absence was exploited by the Labour Party and the health service unions who called on the Prime Minister to accept personal responsiblity for the crisis and to intervene urgently.

Meanwhile, the Royal College of Nursing announced that it was planning to launch a new programme of protest action starting on August 19. Other nursing unions called emergency branch meetings to discuss industrial action over the pay deal, which now seems to be in disarray.

The crisis, which has been brewing for several weeks and culminated in union leaders walking out of talks at the Department of Health on Tuesday, concerns the "rigid" stance taken by the Department over grading the country's 77,000 sisters posts.

Mr Tony Nicholson, RCN deputy director of labour relations, claimed that moves made by the DHSS to restrict the numbers of sisters put on higher grades to only a few thousand, would alone save the Government £55 million.

"If the knock on effect of downgrading lower posts is taken into account, we have estimated that the Government will save about £150m, equal to the amount health authorities are expecting to overspend."

The Confederation of Health Service Employees warned that it expected some of its members to take spontaneous strike action without waiting for official recognition.

Mrs Currie said last night that the unions' claims of sabotage were alarmist. "It is not at all clear on what evidence some of the unions are basing their wild accusations," she said, adding that one or two union leaders seemed to be intent on making a fuss.

"It is a very big exercise and it will take some time to work through. Nothing whatever has gone wrong. Those criticizing should wait and see the outcome."

Mr Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow and a member of the all-party select committee on social services, called on Mr Clarke to take the distribution of the pay award and the regrading exercise out of the hands of the regional health authorities and to handle it centrally.

If after that it was found that the £803 million allocated by the Government was not sufficient to fund the pay deal, Mr Clarke would have to go to the Treasury for more.

Other Conservative MPs said that before his move to become Secretary of State for Social Security, Mr John Moore, Mr Clarke's predecessor, conceded at a private meeting of the Tory backbench health committee that he would have to go back to the Treasury in what he described as the unlikely event

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Mrs Debbie Mayne in a scene from the nurses' television advertisement to be shown tonight.

Protests over curbs on new hospital grades

By Jill Sherman and Emma Wilkins

A nurse who is to star in a television advertisement tonight as part of the Government's recruitment campaign has criticized the latest moves to depress nurses' pay.

Mrs Debbie Mayne, a staff nurse at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Surrey accused the Government of failing to foresee the chaos now leading to nurses' posts being downgraded. She called for extra funding for the pay awards.

"I don't want to leave the National Health Service but if we don't get what we want there will be a lot of bitter nurses in the profession."

The £2.5 million advertising campaign will be shown as nurses throughout the country criticize moves by the Department of Health that threaten to jeopardize grading structures heralded as a victory for nurses last April.

Mrs Mayne, aged 23, said: "The problem could have been avoided if the Government said it would fully fund the award once the grading exercise is complete".

She said that health authorities were now unable to place nurses on the grades they deserved. "Authorities are being held back because they know that patient services may have to be cut if they overspend."

Nursing sisters who were orginally expecting rises of between 20 and 60 per cent also expressed their anger at the hard line taken by the Department of Health which could curb their increases by thousands of pounds.

"I think it is very unfair. Having discussed it with other sisters it is not something that we will take lying down", Mrs Valerie Thompson, aged 27, said. She is a ward sister in the cardiothoracic unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London.

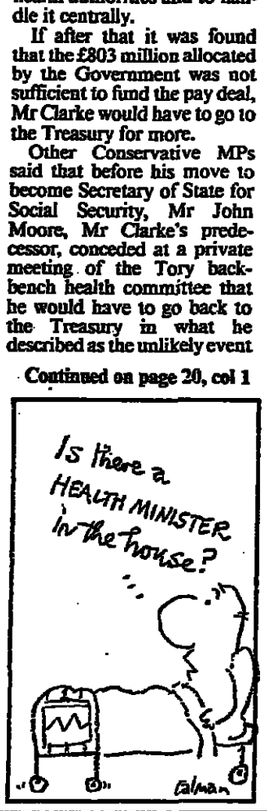
"Nupe and Cohse are threatening industrial action. We are all furious."

Mrs Thompson, a member of the Royal College of Nursing, who earns just over £9,000, falls into the category which the Government most wants to reward. A graduate from Goldsmiths' College, University of London, she has extra qualifications in intensive care and assessment.

In April she thought her pay could be lifted to £14,400, a 60 per cent pay rise, by regrading her on Scale G.

Now the Department of Health has told all health authorities that only one sister per ward can be graded on Scale G, on a salary of between £12,025 and £13,295. Mrs Thompson would have also got London weighting and the new inner London supplement of 9 per cent.

Under the new guidance Mrs Thompson will have to compete with the other sister on her ward for the higher salary and she may become an F grade, starting at £10,200.



Tornado jet in near miss as crash inquiry is announced

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Another RAF Tornado strike aircraft was involved in a low-level near miss yesterday, as it emerged that the pilots of the two Tornados that crashed during a night low-flying exercise over Cumbria had no idea of each other's presence.

As concern mounted over the accident, it was announced that a Government watchdog body is to set up an inquiry into the RAF's low-flying training programme.

The National Audit Office will hold the inquiry at the request of Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour MP in whose constituency Tuesday night's crash occurred, claiming the lives of three RAF officers and a West German Luftwaffe officer undergoing instruction.

Yesterday's incident occurred over Cumbernauld airport west of Glasgow when three Tornados on a low-level formation training exercise from RAF Leeming in Yorkshire swept through the area at 700ft.

One of the jets passed right over the airport only 500 yards from a Piper Tomahawk aircraft, in which a pilot was practising take-offs and landings with an instructor.

Mr George Cormack, the airport director, said: "The pilot and instructor got quite a fright." He said the Tornado had plainly flown through the air traffic zone. "No one is supposed to come through", he said.

Air miss reports have been filed with the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority.

The incident heightened concern over Tuesday night's crash above the Pennine fells east of Carlisle, when the impact between the two jets — unaware of each other's presence until the moment of the collision — was so sudden and severe that the pilot of another Tornado flying alongside thought one of the planes had simply exploded in mid air.

Now investigators want to know how the jets, from two separate RAF stations, were allowed into a low-flying exercise area without being knowing others would be using the same air space.

The crash — the tenth involving RAF jets this year — was almost a carbon copy of another crash over Keswick in June last year when a Jaguar pilot was killed when he was struck by a Tornado.

MPs are demanding an immediate change in the way low-level flying is conducted, and RAF crash investigators are focusing on the messages that passed between the aircrafts's bases and the Tactical Booking Cell at West Drayton, Middlesex.

The cell, consisting of RAF officers and NCOs working in a room with civil air traffic controllers at the main air traffic centre near Heathrow Airport, receives requests from RAF units throughout Europe to conduct low-flying exercises. Their job is to give them "slots" during which they can fly down to 100ft in certain areas, hugging valleys and dodging mountains.

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The aircraft are not under direct radar cover during the runs because they are so low and practising what the Ministry of Defence regards as vital techniques for avoiding enemy radar. As more and more Tornados join operational squadrons, so more low-flying exercises are needed to train the pilots.

In Tuesday's accident, a pair of Tornados from 617 "Dambusters" Squadron took off from RAF Marham in Norfolk heading for the Lake District, south-east of Penrith. As night fell they took up the classic formation of one lead aircraft with a "wing man" acting as lookout.



Flt Lt Colin Oliver, killed in Tuesday's crash.

Suddenly the leading aircraft disintegrated in mid-air. The pilot of the second jet radioed his base, peeled off and returned home convinced that the aircraft had simply exploded.

In fact it had been struck by another Tornado from the trinational Tornado training unit at RAF Cottesmore in Leicestershire.

The pilot from RAF Marham was Flight Lieutenant Colin Oliver, aged 30, from Swaffham, Norfolk. His navigator was Flight Lieutenant Anthony Cook, aged 29, from King's Lynn, Norfolk.

The pilot from RAF Cottesmore was Flight Lieutenant John Watts, aged

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Shares hit by interest rate rises

Share prices fell round the world after the rise in British and American interest rates on successive days. In Tokyo, the Nikkei index dropped by more than 2 per cent, its biggest one-day fall this year. In New York, the Dow-Jones index dropped 31 points (1.4 per cent) dragging London's FT-SE index down 1.2 per cent.

Sterling remained the strongest currency, rising nearly a pfennig to DM 3.2414 and a quarter-cent to $1.69. Page 21

Drug abuse in US athletics

A drugs scandal is about to break in American athletics after competitors in both the Olympic trials and national championships have proved positive in tests for banned substances. .....Page 38

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Philip Carter's reign as president of the Football League looks near its end following a petition requesting that he be removed from the Management Committee.....Page 38

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World-wide TV news plan

BBC asks for private funds

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The BBC has asked a leading merchant bank to investigate the commerical viablity of launching a world television news service as early as next year. J. Henry Schroder Wagg is expected to prepare a business plan by the autumn which will establish whether a nightly, half-hour satellite news programme is viable.

Outside investment, possibly from City institutions, has not been ruled out if the merchant bankers can show it would be a profitable venture.

Schroder's involvement comes five months after the Government rejected a BBC request to provide £3.4 million to underpin the news project. The cash was needed mainly to subsidise poorer nations in Africa which would not have been able to afford the satellite service.

Mr Michael Checkland, the Director-General of the BBC, is known to be particularly keen on setting up the world television service and Schroder's brief is to scrutinize "appropriate commercialoptions" for funding the production and distribution of the programme and come up with "a viable and distinctive package for the international television market."

BBC chiefs see the satellite news package marrying the internationally respected radio coverage of their World Service, which Parliament already funds, with the professional and technical skills of BBC television.

The corporation's original business envisaged the cost of the service between 1988 and 1991 would be £11.3 million, with revenue of £7.9 million being attracted mainly from North America, Australasia, Japan and a number of other countries ranging from France to Papua New Guinea.

Schroder will want to see if the sales potential has increased since BBC Enterprises prepared their blueprint, given the imminent boom in satellite television

Mr John Tusa, the Managing Director of BBC External Broadcasting, who is responsible for the existing 750 hours of BBC radio programmes beamed overseas, signed the agreement with Schroder's.



Mr Checkland: A viable and distinctive news package.

NUM area ready to defy Scargill

By Roland Rudd

Leaders of the Leicestershire area of the National Union of Mineworkers are prepared to defy Mr Arthur Scargill's opposition to flexible working and enter into talks with British Coal on six-day mining.

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers is already set to conclude a deal on flexible working which could involve keeping the pits open seven days a week, with miners having the option of working for seven days with four off.

Mr Jack Jones, Leicestershire NUM general secretary, said yesterday: "If it's a question of working the pit six days a week then we will have to consider it. We are facing severe competition.

Mr Scargill, who opposes flexible working, has ensured that the NUM national policy is set against six-day working. Mr Jones, who said he was always prepared to talk over the issue but was never given the opportunity, is now ready to break ranks.

His union's policy against flexible working has been costly for his area, which has all but lost the race to the UDM to represent miners at the new Asfordby super pit, near Melton Mowbray, which starts production in the 1990s.

Ellistown pit, one of the two collieries left in Leicestershire, is due to close next year.

However, Mr Ray Chadburn, NUM Nottinghamshire area president, who is opposed to six or seven-day flexible working, said yesterday that any NUM area thinking of going it alone should think again.

"Beavercotes Colliery tried a seven-day flexible working system in the late 1960s for two years and the miners, not the union, kicked it out because it was completely unworkable.

Angry Burma mob beheads three security men

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Three security men were beheaded by angry mobs in Rangoon, 33 more people died and at least 59 were injured yesterday on the third day of Burma's worst civil unrest for 50 years.

The official death toll since the current wave of protests against the government began last Sunday is 78 but experienced diplomats in Rangoon say casualties have been far heavier. The authorities admit that more than 3,000 people have been arrested.

Five police stations in Rangoon were seized by the demonstrators, who for the fourth successive day came into the streets in thousands to protest against 26 years of harsh one-party rule by the socialist Programme Party which has brought Burma to the edge of bankruptcy.

A government statement said rioters had looted weapons from police stations but other reports said that soldiers were seen to hand over their guns to the crowds. The demonstrators also began using home made molotov cocktails.

Security forces chasing demonstrators burst into the wards of Rangoon Hospital firing indiscriminately at patients and medical staff. Some people were killed but exact casualties are not known. The security men shot dead three nurses and one doctor protesting outside the hospital against police brutality. They had said there were no drugs left in the hospital to treat the wounded.

Diplomats in Rangoon described the unrest last night as "spreading like wildfire".

People were paying no attention to the curfew or the ban on gatherings of more than five people, roaming the streets in groups of thousands. At least 40 separate areas of the country outside Rangoon have also been involved in anti-government protests.

"There's been nothing like it since the riots of 1938 which signalled the beginning of the end of British Colonial rule in Burma," said a political analyst in Bangkok.

News of the disturbances is limited as few correspondents have been allowed into Burma and local journalists can scarcely work at all because of official controls.

People of all ages have joined in this week's protests demanding better living conditions and the removal of President Sein Lwin, who is blamed for years of police repression.

The most significant developments appear to be the refusal of some soldiers yesterday to open fire on demonstrators when ordered to do so and the supply of weapons now in the hands of anti-government groups who had no arms to begin with.

The regime headed by President Sein Lwin, who came to power only two weeks ago, can survive only if the army stays loyal.

Discontent even among senior officers whose privileges have been eroded by the desperate state of the economy has been growing for many months.

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Bishop begs IRA to end the killing

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, Dr Cahal Daly, yesterday appealed to IRA leaders to end the killing in Northern Ireland.

Speaking at the Requiem Mass in Belfast for Peter Dolan, aged 25, one of two men shot by 'loyalists' on Monday, he said: "For the love of God, for the love of Ireland and for the sake particularly of the Catholic community, for the good of the nationalist community whom you call your own people, bring this killing to an end".

His appeal came after the attempt by IRA terrorists to murder a reserve constable in the RUC on the steps of a church in Lurgan, Co Armagh, on Tuesday night.

● A man was being questioned by the RUC yesterday after bombs and bomb making equipment were seized during a search of a house in Portadown, Co Armagh.

Blinded girl's £5,000

A girl blinded by *toxocara canis*, a rare disease carried in dog excrement, is to receive compensation after a three-year legal battle in what is thought to be the first such case in Britain. Blackpool Council yesterday agreed to pay £5,000 to Rachel Hall, aged seven, of Lune Grove, Blackpool, whose parents claim her blindness was the result of playing in a local park where a worm-infested dog had excreted. The council denied liability, but made the offer which was accepted.

Aids man's term cut

Huw Mark Rees, aged 30, of Wolverhampton, a prisoner suffering from Aids, had his seven-year sentence for robbery cut "in mercy" to four years by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday. Mr Justice French said: "It is not impossible that the occurrence of prisoners suffering from the Aids virus may be of such frequency that special sentencing measures may have to be introduced".

Prosecution threat

Mrs Mary Whitehouse said she may be willing to bring a private prosecution for blasphemy against a new film about the life of Christ that depicts him on the cross fantasizing about sex. *The Last Temptation of Christ*, directed by Mr Martin Scorcese, opens in the United States tomorrow. It is due for release in Britain this autumn. Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, has written to Mr James Ferman, secretary of the British Board of Film Censors, asking him not to grant the film a certificate.

Keays cash tripled

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has agreed to increase by threefold maintenance payments for his daughter, Flora Keays, aged four. Mr Parkinson will now pay £10,000 a year for Flora, who is recovering from a brain operation, instead of the £3,000 agreed in a court order granted when she was born. Magistrates agreed to the new terms on the grounds that the child's expenses had "substantially increased". Flora's mother, Miss Sara Keays, a former secretary of Mr Parkinson, sought an application to vary the maintenance order under the Affiliation Proceedings Act.

Owen 'wept for SDP'

Dr David Owen has admitted that he "sobbed his heart out" when SDP members voted for merger with the Liberals at its party conference in Portsmouth a year ago. In an interview with Esther Rantzen, to be screened on BBC television tonight, Dr Owen recalls how he wept "uncontrollably" when his plea as leader for the SDP to remain independent was rejected. "I really sobbed my heart out when the SDP was broken up. My public persona was one of total control but internally I was totally wrought up."

Sell-off 'will need £350m from Government'

Shorts pins hope on Boeing deal

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Boeing, the giant American aerospace company, is being wooed to take over Short Brothers, the state-owned company in Belfast.

Shorts, which the Government wants to see in the private sector as soon as possible, believes that Boeing, based in Seattle, could be the only chance of ensuring a healthy future for the company as a private business. That, Shorts considers, is provided the Government is first persuaded to provide around £350 million to write off existing debts and inject sufficient equity cash into it.

The board of Shorts would have liked to delay privatization for three years while it restructured the company and built on its growing reputation for providing high-quality parts for airliners as well as its own short-range propeller driven aircraft and Blowpipe ground to air missiles. It was taken aback by the Government's announcement last month that the company would be sold off as soon as possible and that it could even be broken up into separate units. Angry officials from Shorts immediately confronted the Government and eventually forced a change of mind, allowing Shorts executives to arrange the sale, keeping the company as a single entity.

The company's officials had been criticized by workers afraid that splitting the company, which employs 8,000 people, could lead to huge job losses.

A suitable buyer now has to be found quickly. Boeing is seen as the ideal choice because Shorts has been involved with it since 1972 and won consistent praise for the landing gear doors it produced for the 747; flaps for the 757; the rudder of the 737; and engine nacelles for both the 747 and the 757, in a series of contracts worth more than £25 million a year. Shorts also believes that a Boeing purchase would avoid scrutiny by the Competition Directorate of the EEC. That body would be bound to act if any possible tie-up with a European manufacturer, such as British Aerospace, were contemplated. If, however, the Government did agree to a substantial debt write-off, the EEC would still want to study the terms of the arrangement and could even veto the proposed cash injection if it felt it was likely to give Shorts an unfair financial advantage over competitors in Europe.

For the moment, however, Boeing remains adamant that it is "not interested" in acquiring the company and if it is to be persuaded the Government will almost certainly have to agree to a very large "dowry" to persuade the American company to invest in Northern Ireland.

Shorts will probably show a trading loss of about £40 million in the present financial year, which will include around £25 million interest payments on accumulated debts of more than £250 million.

Shorts are convinced that much of their present problems stem from a lack of Government interest or investment over many years.

The Government's unexpected disclosure shock revelationthree weeks ago that they it might be prepared to see the company split up before it was sold led to an immediate crisis of confidence among potential customers and at least one major big order, for 12 Tucano trainers from an African air force, was suddenly delayed.

Now that the Government has given an assurance that Shorts will be sold as one company, the Belfast firm believes it can re-establish confidence not only with its customers but with the workforce, which had threatened to mount a sit-in.

Paris to London air fare to be cut

By Our Air Correspondent

Air Europe won a six-month battle with France last night when it was granted permission to provide cut-price fares between London and Paris.

The airline will immediately cut the price of its basic single fare between Gatwick airport, West Sussex, and Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport to £69, against the £85 charged by British Airways and Air France.

In October, when the airline's fleet of 737 jets has been refurbished to include a business class, it will cut the price of a single business class ticket from £105 to £92.

The cheaper Air Europe fares are likely to be copied by other airlines.

Mr Harry Goodman, chairman of International Leisure Group of which Air Europe is a subsidiary, introduced the cut-price flights between London and Paris after being given the go-ahead by the Civil Aviation Authority in February.

He said that he would be using the new fare as a challenge to Europe to accept the lower air fares agreed by EEC members last year.

However, as soon as operations began, the French said his aircraft would be refused permission to land unless he charged the full "approved" fare.

Since then the twice daily flights have been operating at a profit, but charging the same fare as British Airways and Air France.

Now he has finally won permission to cut fares, but the French have still refused to allow the fare to fall as low as £59 — except for a brief winter period when passengers will have to specify their date of return and stay for at least two nights.

Flying in and out of the country was relatively easy yesterday.

AEU is set for second plant deal

By Roland Rudd

The engineering union yesterday disclosed that it was confident of winning a second single-union deal with a canning plant on the same site as the proposed Coca-Cola and Schweppes plant which is threatened with strike action.

The move will infuriate the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU), which has already threatened to take industrial action at Coca-Cola and Schweppes' 20 depots and six factories after losing a "beauty-contest" for a single-union deal in April.

Although the TGWU represents 90 per cent of Coca-Cola workers, its rival, the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEU), won the single-union deal at the company's new £20 million bottling plant in Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Last night Coca-Cola and the transport union were trying to find a formula to avert a nationwide strike. The negotiations are expected to continue today.

Mr Bill Jordan, AEU president, yesterday said his union was hoping to win its second single-union deal, despite the opposition of the transport union. The engineering union is negotiating with Nacanco Ltd, a manufacturing plant which is building a canning plant alongside the Coca-Cola and Schweppes factory.

Mr Ian Higgens, Nacanco personnel director, yesterday confirmed that the company had been approached by different unions to represent the workforce.

Mr Higgens, who would not be drawn on details, said: "It would be fair to say that the AEU is the predominant union in our organization."

AEU officials fear a TGWU strike could jeopardize the Coca-Cola plant, which will provide 500 jobs.

Princes call on the new princess



By Ruth Gledhill

The Duke of York meeting Prince Henry (left) and Prince William as they arrived at the Portland Hospital, west London, yesterday to visit their two-day-old cousin for the first time. The young princes were accompanied by their mother, the Princess of Wales, a close friend of the Duchess of York who is recovering after giving birth on Monday. Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess, arrived to see his granddaughter for the first time as the Princess of Wales and her two sons were leaving the hospital. The Duke of York enthusiastically embraced the Princess of Wales, kissing both her and her two sons on the cheeks as they arrived. Prince William, carrying a box of chocolates, waved happily at photographers and a cheering crowd of nearly 100 members of the public before the royal party entered the hospital. The Princess of Wales, dressed casually in a white blouse, beige knee-length skirt and low-heeled white shoes, looked relaxed and eager to see the latest addition to the Royal Family. Later, Lord Spencer, father of the Princess of Wales, entered the gentle controversy over what name should be given to the new baby. He said: "I think she should be called Octavia. It was the eighth of the eighth, '88. But I don't suppose they will." Lord Spencer was speaking at Broadcasting House after finishing the third of three programmes he is making for BBC Radio 2 as stand-in presenter of *Your Hundred Best Tunes*.

(Photograph: James Morgan)

FLIGHTCHECK



Luton, Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Cardiff: No problems.

Aberdeen: Flights to Shetland affected by fog.

Gatwick: "Pretty good", although all departures are subject to delays of up to two hours.

Glasgow: An Air UK scheduled flight from Amsterdam was nearly four hours late at 12.40pm, due to a ground handlers' dispute at Schipol Airport. An Aviogenex departure to Dubrovnik was an hour and 20 minutes late, leaving at 12.50pm.

Heathrow: Sudan Airways flight from Khartoum via Rome, scheduled to leave at 4.55pm on Tuesday is not now expected to arrive until Friday due to flooding in Sudan. British Airways flights to Khartoum are still on schedule.

Chess leader loses

By Harry Golombek

Round nine of the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championships at Blackpool brought a heavy defeat yesterday for the leader, Jonathan Mestel, by Glenn Flear.

Mestel weakened his king's position in trying to create early counter-attacking chances as black and eventually lost three pawns.

Results, Round 9: G Flear 1, J Mestel 0; N Murshed 1, A Kosten 0; J Gallagher ½, S Bell ½; J Cooper 1, K Arkell 0; V Anand 1, P Morris 0; N Carr ½, G Morrison ½; A Muir 0, D King 1; G Crawley 1, N Carton 0; P Rossiter 1, D Knox 0; P Giulian ½, A Dunnington ½; J Fraser-Mitchell ½, J Poulton ½.

Adjourned games Round 8: Motwani 1, Hempson 0; Bell 0, Watson 1; Kwiatkowski 0, Bellin 1; Lyell 1, Crawley 0.

Leading scores: Flear and Mestel 7; Pigott and Hogson 6.

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Reactor will provide cheapest UK power

CEGB argues case for Hinkley plant

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The third nuclear power station to be built at Hinkley Point, Somerset, and the second in Britain to be based on the American type of pressurized water reactor, is intended to operate for 40 years, the Central Electricity Generating Board says.

The new station will cost £1,470 million and provide a cheaper source of electrical power — 2.2p a unit — than any other form of fuel.

Hinkley Point C, the board said in a "statement of case" published yesterday, would be a replica of the Sizewell B design, although some changes would be introduced to reflect differences between the two sites.

The document gives full details of the submissions the board proposes to make at the a public inquiry which opens on October 4.

It says the safety of a pressurized water reactor (PWR) at Hinkley Point will be acceptable when assessed against the stringent standards of the National Radiological Protection Board, and adds that it intends to build at least two more stations as well as Hinkley Point C.

Later this year it will apply to build a PWR station at Wylfa, in Anglesey, and next year for a further PWR station at Dungeness, Kent; Winfrith, Dorset; Trawsfynydd, north Wales; or Druridge Bay, Northumberland.

If approved, the stations will be ready in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

In its argument for Hinkley C, the board says capacity planned for the 1990s will have to be supplemented with a new fossil fuel plant to help meet a rising demand for electricity.

"The requirement for new generation by 2000 is anticipated to be in excess of what these stations could provide.

"Moreover, a significant capacity shortfall is also expected to arise before any of these stations could be contributing power. As a consequence, it is likely that some new fossil fuel generating plant will also be built."

The board has already applied for coal-fired stations at Fawley, Hampshire, and at West Burton, Nottinghamshire, and intends to do so for a coal-fired station at Kingsnorth, Kent.

Both the board and potential private generators anticipating opportunities with the privatization of electricity supply, are also considering other options such as combined cycle gas turbines.

Privatization proposals for the electricity supply industry will provide for a minimum of at least 20 per cent of generation from nuclear and other non-fossil sources by 2000.

The "statement of case" compares Hinkley Point C with renewable sources, the advanced gas-cooled reactor, imports from non-fossil sources and other possible sites for PWR stations and concludes that none is preferred to a PWR at Hinkley Point.

"However, given the timing of privatization, it is likely that if Hinkley Point C is approved, the decision on whether to build the station will be taken by the larger of the CEGB's two successor generating companies.

"This company will inherit the board's existing nuclear stations and its substantial nuclear resources. Standards of safety will continue to be vigorously enforced."

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Race for first grouse of the Twelfth

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Tomorrow morning the moors of Britain will resound to the noise of gunfire as the Glorious Twelfth marks the start of the grouse shooting season, to be followed by several distinctly uncomfortable months for game birds of various kinds and the gripes of those who, for whatever motive, oppose the annual slaughter of up to half a million grouse.

As part of the traditional ballyhoo the Mountbatten Hotel, in the West End of London, is hoping to have the earliest newly killed bird on display in London by 11.30 am. Its operation just might, but probably will not, be hindered by the Hunt Saboteurs' Association, which is planning a series of unspecified but "lawful and non-violent" strikes against the shooters.

According to the Game Conservancy Council, prospects present a mixed picture. In England, on the western side of the Pennines, they look generally good and on one moor the grouse population is the highest for 20 years. But on the eastern side the position is described as "not so rosy". Grouse there have been attacked by the strongyle worm, a parasite which causes debility and may weaken hen birds to the point where they are unable to hatch their eggs.

In Scotland prospects are generally fairly good but on some moors, because of a shortage of gamekeepers, grouse have suffered from the attacks of predators, mainly foxes and crows. The conservancy council is stressing the need for a long-term management programme to reinvigorate heather growth and control parasites.

On the North Yorkshire moors the national park authority has recently begun an experimental programme of converting grassland back to heather. The first beneficiaries, if it succeeded, would be grouse, since they only eat heather.

Just how many people will be blasting away tomorrow is a matter for speculation. Many experienced guns regard the Twelfth as a bit of "hype" and, especially after a wet summer, prefer to reserve their efforts until later in the season when the birds will be stronger.

For the League Against Cruel Sports and its allies, the Twelfth is anything but glorious. Yesterday it castigated Britain's leading conservation societies, "some of whose Royal patrons will be joining in the slaughter," for ignoring "the scores of species and millions of individual wild birds and animals systematically exterminated by gamekeepers in the interests of Britain's snobbiest bloodsport.

"No doubt the media will once again be obsessed with the ridiculous race to get the first pathetic, lead-peppered corpse on to a restaurant table."

No doubt they will. But the owners of the Mountbatten Hotel, who plan to use a helicopter to beat the Savoy to the draw, should be aware that no self-respecting gourmet would dream of ordering grouse until it had been hung for several days.

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Guard killed, helper injured fighting off bankroll knifemen

By Craig Seton

A Securicor guard was stabbed to death during an attempted robbery outside a bank in Birmingham yesterday, and a window cleaner who went to his aid was critically injured.

Mr John Worwood, aged 44, fatally wounded fighting off two would-be robbers, managed in spite of his injuries to stagger to his vehicle and place a cash box containing almost £5,000 into a steel security hatch at the rear. He then collapsed in a pool of blood on the front seat as horrified shoppers looked on.

Last night Securicor offered a £25,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution and conviction of the two killers, as detectives praised the courage of Mr Worwood and Mr Gerald Hall, aged 32, the window cleaner who ran to his help.

Mr Hall was stabbed in the stomach as he tried to tackle the would-be robbers, both black, outside Barclays Bank in High Street, Birmingham.

He underwent emergency surgery at Birmingham Accident Hospital, where his condition was later described as critical but stable.

Police said both men had been stabbed with a 10in blade.

A team of 60 police officers launched a search for the two attackers, who fled empty-handed through the streets pursued by shoppers, but escaped in the Bull Ring market.

Mr Worwood lived in Tudor Street, Tipton, West Midlands, with his elderly mother, Elsie. A neighbour said last night: "Mrs Worwood suffers from heart trouble. She is under sedation and is in a terrible state of shock.

"John was very keen on his job and devoted to his mum. He would never hurt a fly. You never saw him without a smile on his face. He hardly ever went out. But he used to take his mum out at weekends."

He had been a guard for 15 years and was the eighth Securicor official to be murdered on duty in the past 18 years.

Mr Terry Davey, aged 45, a builder who witnessed Mr Worwood's stabbing, said: "The Securicor van was parked only about 15 ft from the front door of the bank and they jumped him. He put up a real old struggle. He would not let go of the cash. He was a bloody hero."

Police said he was killed by a single stab wound in the chest.

A second security guard who was in the vehicle was not injured.

Witnesses said Mr Hall was cleaning the bank's windows when he saw Mr Worwood being attacked and rushed to help.

After he was stabbed, he staggered into the main reception area of the bank and collapsed.

Mr Hall's wife, Janet, aged 30, fought back tears last night as she described how her husband, a keep-fit fanatic, was the sort of man to rush to somebody's aid.

She was speaking after visiting her husband at hospital after his 90-minute operation.

"It is just the sort of thing he would do", she said. "He would go to the aid of anybody he saw in trouble. He would not think of the danger of anything like that. It is in his nature."

Mrs Hall said her husband was not able to speak to her. "All he could say to me was 'the pain'.

"All I could do was hold his hand to comfort him but I do feel that he has set a good example to the community and I am proud of him."

The couple, of County Park Avenue, Halesowen, West Midlands, have been married for seven years and have a daughter, Charlotte, whose first birthday was last month.

Mrs Hall said of the men who stabbed her husband: "They are evil. What can you say about people who would do something like that?"

Mr Hall's father, Bill, of Northfield, Birmingham, who runs a small window cleaning business with his son, said: "Gerald has always said that if something like that happened he would get involved. He would not just stand by and let somebody else get hurt. We are very proud of him."

Det Chief Supt Jim Byrne, the head of West Midlands CID, said: "This was a heinous crime colloquially called mugging. It was a tragic end for a man described by his employees as a very loyal and trusted servant of the company.

"Mr Hall was extremely brave to try to help him.

"This is a danger that security guards face on the streets daily, unarmed."

Securicor said last night that the reward was for information leading to the prosecution of those responsible.

"We instruct our guards that in no circumstances must they attempt to save the money if they are putting their own lives or those of their crewmen or the public in danger", the company added.

"They are trained to make judgements on the spot."



Mr Gerald Hall, the window cleaner stabbed in the stomach yesterday, pictured with his daughter, Charlotte.

Birthday girl has the whip hand



Miss Amanda Broomfield celebrated her twenty-first birthday yesterday by becoming the first "Lady Whip" for 100 years to drive an 1860 horse-drawn coach built by Crawle of Pearith, Cumbria. Her father, Mr David Broomfield, has almost completed restoration of the carriage at their home, Nurstead Hill Farm, near Longfield, Kent (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Broadcasting monitoring

Grade attacks 'aged' TV watchdogs

By Our Media Editor

Mr Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, yesterday criticized the elderly make-up of the Broadcasting Standards Council and said it would be totally out of touch with his station's young audiences.

His latest assault on the Government's new television watchdog comes two weeks after Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, announced the names of the six people who will serve with Sir William Rees-Mogg.

Mr Grade, who has consistently opposed the idea of the standards council, said: "I do not quite see how a council whose average age is 60 is going to understand what Channel 4 is about. The average age of a Channel 4 viewer is about 40.

"It is a very depressing thought that its average age is 60. I do not know how they can be in touch with what a Channel 4 audience expects. How are they going to sit and look at Channel 4 and understand the mentality of the viewers who watch Channel 4 – the young profile of our audience?"

Mr Grade, speaking at a Broadcasting Press Guild lunch in London, added: "They are just not capable of it. They are totally out of tune with our audience.

"There are no writers on the council, there is nobody with professional expertise in the management of broadcasting on the council."

Mr Grade, who attacked the appointment of Sir William as chairman in May, said he failed to understand what collective wisdom the "great and the good at the BSC" would bring to broadcasting, which had not already been provided by the BBC board of governors and the members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. "They are all drawn from the same list", Mr Grade added.

Earlier, he voiced his concern about Government plans radically to increase the levy paid by ITV companies to the Treasury. Total payments could increase to £200 million by 1990 compared to the £87 million this year.

"I have a concern that a revenue-based levy could seriously affect Channel 4's income and could certainly mean a swingeing cut-back in British programme production, at a time when the mood seems to be moving away from imported programming."

Britain's film, video and television industry is being hampered by the Government's campaign to reduce the amount of red tape and form filling confronting businesses, the British Screen Advisory Council said yesterday.

Export and investment opportunities were being missed because screen moguls lack crucial statistics about their industry.

The shortage of reliable data such as cinema audience figures has led the council to urge ministers to reintroduce statistical surveys. They were scrapped to spare companies endless questionnaires.

The council, chaired by Sir Richard Attenborough, said the absence of reliable data was handicapping British companies. "Many other countries have substantial government services to provide statistics, but in the UK statutory collection is now reduced to a minimal level."

Cinema figures depended on a voluntary sampling of venues, video statistics were a mixture of incomplete trade body membership figures and import and export trade details, while video recorders were sometimes quantified by weight rather than numbers.

The television quota system, whereby 86 per cent of programmes should be British, was not backed up by any statistics, the council said. Most government fact finding on Britain's moving picture industry ended after the introduction of the Films Act, 1985.

Data generated by the Department of Trade and Industry was now only "a tiny fraction" of that collected before 1985. "The range and scope of that produced now is very limited and its usefulness to the industry is questionable."

Journalist in Palace 'leak' to leave BBC

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Mr Michael Cole, the BBC television journalist involved last year in the leak of the Queen's Christmas broadcast, is leaving the corporation to become media chief of the House of Fraser group, owned by the Al-Fayed brothers.

He is expected to take up the post in September, possibly before the publication of the Department of Trade and Industry report into the £615 million takeover of House of Fraser, which includes Harrods, by the Egyptian brothers.

Mr Cole, who joined the BBC 20 years ago, submitted his resignation yesterday. His position as media director of House of Fraser Holdings will put him in charge of the group's relations with the news media and he will advise on media acquisitions.

"I am delighted to be joining such an outstanding organization. I feel very privileged to be appointed to the board of management of what is, in a very special way, just as much of a national and international institution as the BBC itself", he said yesterday.

Mr Mohammed Al-Fayed said the appointment of Mr Cole showed the importance the group placed on media relations in all aspects of the organization's activities.

Mr Cole, aged 45, reported for BBC television news from 105 countries. He was appointed court correspondent in 1985 and was in the headlines last year after the contents of the Queen's Christmas broadcast were leaked. A confidential conversation with reporters about the broadcast was used in the *Daily Express* and *Daily Star*.

Killing charge

John De-Veckey, aged 43, of Boscombe, Bournemouth, Dorset, appeared in the town's magistrates' court yesterday accused of murdering his mother, Anna, on Tuesday. He was remanded in custody for a week.

World voyage

David Sinett-Jones, aged 57, completed a 35,000-mile solo voyage around the world yesterday, arriving at Fishguard, Dyfed, nearly three years after setting out. He has only one lung and sight in one eye.

Volvo recall

Volvo is replacing the brake cylinders on 33,000 of its small 300 series car models built in 1985 because a manufacturing fault in the seal could lead to brake failure.

Alarm over 'bouncing' road bridge

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Reports of a motorway bridge that "flexed" and "bounced" caused anxiety among road users in the Manchester area yesterday and led to a radio station's telephone switchboard being jammed with calls.

Piccadilly Radio, Manchester's commercial radio station, had broadcast a letter from a driver who complained of having felt the Barton Bridge, on the M63, move as traffic crawled across it.

One motorist, Mr David Johnson, from Gatley, Manchester, said he had felt the bridge "vibrating and bouncing up and down".

He added: "I thought there must have been an earthquake or something. I expected the whole lot to go at any minute."

Mr Gordon Osborne, chief engineer of an £18 million project to widen the Barton Bridge, said motorists had nothing to fear.

"All bridges flex. With traffic coming to a standstill people will notice movement more readily. It is the sort of flexing we would expect on a structure such as this."

Churches draw most visitors

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Record numbers of visitors paced the ancient flags and floorboards of England's historic buildings last year. A total of 67 million people boosted attendances at the country's heritage properties by 9 per cent, says the English Tourist Board's report *English Heritage Monitor* published today.

Not since the Silver Jubilee year of 1977 has there been such rapid growth in visits, the report says.

Churchgoing, which is free, proved more popular than catching a glimpse of the Crown Jewels. Westminster Abbey topped the heritage list with 3.5 million visitors, followed by St Paul's Cathedral with 2.5 million. The Tower of London, which houses the Crown Jewels and charges for admission, drew 2,289,354 visitors.

The increase in visitor numbers pushed takings up by 13 per cent to £108 million, which in turn supported 16,000 jobs.

Of those properties which attracted at least 30,000 visitors, ten 10 recorded an increase of 30 per cent or better. At the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey the number of visits doubled.

The 10 most popular attractions charging admission, in descending order, are: Tower of London; Roman baths and pump room at Bath, Avon; State Apartments at Windsor Castle, Berkshire; Warwick Castle; Stonehenge, Wiltshire; Hampton Court Palace, south-west London; Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire; Leeds Castle, Kent; Beaulieu, Hampshire; Tower Bridge, London.

McCartney decries Lennon book

Paul McCartney yesterday urged a boycott of a new book which portrays John Lennon, his former songwriting partner, as a homosexual close to madness.

The former Beatle made a statement defending Lennon as a "wonderful human being". Lennon was shot dead in New York eight years ago.

Mr McCartney accused Albert Goldman, author of *The Lives of John Lennon*, of writing a "piece of trash" and said Lennon was no more than "wild and whacky". He said: "It is disgusting that someone like Goldman can make up any old bunch of lies he sees fit and can be allowed to publish them without fear of repudiation."

The American author, a former professor of English aged 60, said the book was the result of six years' work and 1,200 interviews. He said it detailed a long-running affair between Lennon and Brian Epstein, the Beatles' homosexual manager. It also said Lennon became a drug-abusing anorexic recluse in New York, bordering on insanity at times, and was violent towards his wife, Yoko Ono.

Mr McCartney said: "With the exception of his close relatives, I knew John longer than anyone. I would have thought that once in all that time, perhaps during an unguarded moment, there would have been a suggestion of the homosexuality referred to by Goldman.

"There was never even the slightest hint of this kind, in fact quite the opposite — John was very attracted to women."

De Savary lifeline for Cornish port

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Peter de Savary, the entrepreneur, yesterday bought his third piece of Cornwall in a multi-million pound deal aimed at turning a neglected harbour town into Britain's leading tourist resort.

His company Aldersgate Development, has bought Hayle harbour and 570 surrounding acres for an undisclosed sum.

Mr de Savary, aged 44, also disclosed that he has submitted a bid to British Shipbuilders for the Appledore shipyard in north Devon, one of the last state-owned yards.

Frustrated in his attempt to spearhead Britain's challenge for the America's Cup, Mr de Savary consoled himself with what he called his new dreams.

He will now commission a five-month feasibility study



which could lead to a £250 million scheme to turn the Cornish village into a tourist magnet, complete with glass domes and artificial sunshine.

With his purchase of Falmouth Docks and Land's End last year, the venture means Mr de Savary's Cornish holdings now cover more than 750 acres.

He said: "It's a concept, it's a dream, but I think by Christmas certainly we shall find out from all the experts who are looking at it for me if it is viable. Personally I think it is. If it's viable then we shall carry forward. It will not be one of those master plans that stays on the desk."

The entrepreneur's growing interests in Cornwall reflect his love of the county to which friends says he will eventually retire.

As a priority, engineering work will begin soon on improving water flows to remove the dangerous sand bar at Hayle's harbour entrance on which three local fishermen died recently when their boat capsized.

A leisure complex proposed for the town would be all-weather and could bring up to 4,000 jobs into the unemployment blackspot.

Conservation of the environment would be a priority and a leading expert, would be invited to prepare a plan for wildlife habitats.

Mr David Harris, MP for St Ives, whose constituency includes Hayle, yesterday said: "I think if anyone can succeed with this sort of concept it's probably Mr de Savary who now has a proven track record in Cornwall. Hopefully at long last Hayle can emerge from its decades of neglect."

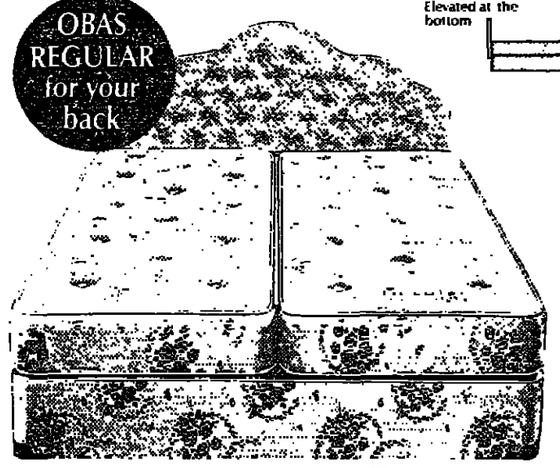
On the bid for the small, often troubled yard at Appledore, Mr de Savary said: "In terms of the ship-building business we hope, and it is our intention, to increase the number of orders for the yard and therefore create or maintain productive jobs."

He said Falmouth Docks and Appledore would be run independently, if the bid is successful, but with commercial and technical links.

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Prisons dispute is stepped up as more jails ban admissions

By Andrew Morgan

The dispute in the prison system escalated yesterday when women officers throughout the country refused to handle new admissions in support of their striking colleagues at Holloway Prison, north London, who are at the centre of a dispute over manning levels.

Talks between the Prison Department and the Prison Officers' Association about the Holloway issue were adjourned again last night and will resume today. Mr John Bartell, chairman of the POA, said that progress on a new peace formula had been "painfully slow".

Officers refused new admissions of prisoners at Styal Prison, Cheshire, Low Newton Prison, Durham and Risley remand centre, Cheshire.

Officers at Drake Hall, Eccleshall, in Staffordshire and Cookham Wood, in Kent, refused to take any transferred prisoners from Holloway, where the number of inmates last night was 455, compared with 471 last week.

Officers at most other establishments said they would refuse to handle new admissions when the official number of inmates was reached (the certified normal accommodation [CNA] level).

The number of prisoners in police cells had risen last night to 1,067 with the majority from the South-east region, which includes East Anglia and the Isle of Wight. On July 29, the day the Holloway dispute started, the figure was 713.

Last March Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was forced to open two former army camps when the number of prisoners in cells reached 1,500.

Styal yesterday had 264 prisoners with a CNA of 262. Mrs Patricia Burgess, the POA branch chairman, said that the action was in support of the Holloway women, but it was also being used to highlight local grievances over manning.

"We will not be receiving any new prisoners until the figures drop to a safe level and we want a complete unit to be closed.

"There is a feeling of relief that some action is now being taken. We will have to discuss the situation if the Holloway dispute is resolved," Mrs Burgess said.

"Nobody does this lightly or for the fun of it. We are not making excuses. We have the facts and it will not get any better. At present, we are struggling and conditions are appalling, yet the Home Office seems determined to let us struggle. There is a limit to how long it can go on."

In spite of most prisons not taking any new admissions after the CNA figure is reached, the Home Office said that officers at East Sutton, near Maidstone, and Durham prison were waiting until the outcome of the negotiations.

The Home Office said it could take days for figures to reach the CNA, but Mrs Burgess believes that the situation at Styal will force more women into the system and establishments could reach saturation by the weekend.

Mrs Brenda Guest, the branch secretary, added: "The officers at Holloway work in extremely dangerous conditions because they are badly under-manned. It is very volatile and the most dangerous establishment in the country".

Inner city teenagers sample campus life

By Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

"Most of my friends think that university is just for posh kids", said Samson Dedewo, aged 15, who, standing 5ft 7in, in his Reeboks, Ray Bans and gleaming white "strides", looks every inch the designer he hopes to be. The son of a Nigerian immigrant, he is one of 54 schoolchildren from some of the most deprived areas of inner London who will be "adopted" by students at Essex University after a 10-day summer camp.

While staying at the university it is hoped the children will realize that the desiccation of the creative spirit and erosion of ambition that traps many of Samson's young friends in the poverty of Britain's inner cities can be reversed by positive thinking.

Maria Krassos, aged 15, whose parents are unemployed, said she hoped one day to study photography. "We never had this opportunity to look over a university. Around us in Peckham, people don't even know they exist", her mother, Mrs Susan Krassos, said.



Off to summer school: children on their way to spend 10 days at Essex University (Photograph: Graham Wood).

According to Mr Sam Egwu, the project co-ordinator and a graduate of the university, students at Essex who have taken on one of the children will act as educational guardian angels, providing support and encouragement throughout their careers, in the hope that some will make it to university or a top level job.

"We want them to realize their full potential. There is a whole lot of talent out there just waiting to be tapped. Giving these kids a chance to build up a sense of self-motivation and self-esteem will be good for them."

Mr Brian Rowe, head of marketing at Queen's Park Rangers football club, south-west London, who has sponsored 10 youngsters from Hammersmith School on the course, said: "We are very concerned that violence in the terraces is caused by a lack of ambition and a sense of deprivation. Sponsoring this project is a natural extension of our philosophy of getting closer to the community."

The course also receives funds from the Prince's Trust, but the children, from schools in Hackney, Hammersmith, Peckham, Leyton, North Kensington, raised £30,000 towards the project last December on a sponsored walk. The money will be spent on producing a play, radio show, video and record based on their experiences while at the university. But if children are prepared to walk from City Hall to Colchester in mid-winter, are they really those who need motivating?

Mrs Kate Austin, a teacher at Hammersmith School said that this had been a problem. The response from the ethnic minority children at her school to the project had been overwhelming, but among the traditional working class it had been negligible.

"This may be because the ethnic children recognized that their need was greatest while the others went on holiday. It may, however, be that children whose families have been in the area longer feel totally hopeless — and that we have not reached them yet", she said.

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Further delays to road repair work

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A cutback on motorway and trunk road maintenance work could mean that the national backlog of repairs will not be eliminated until at least 1996, instead of 1992 as planned.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, announced on June 20 that because of pressures on his budget he was reviewing a £142-million programme of repairs for this year announced in March.

Now the trade association for the suppliers of road-building materials, British Aggregate Construction Materials Industries, says there appears to be a moratorium on new contracts and tenders for reconstruction and structural works, apart from on one section of the M40. It suggests that spending on this type of work will be cut by half or more during this financial year.

If that is correct, and even if the programme returns to planned levels from next spring, the trade association estimates that the existing backlog of motorway repairs will not be eliminated until 1996/97.

● Southampton is planning a £30-million rapid transit system to link its city centre areas.

It will have a three-mile track, positioned about 20ft above the ground, operating shuttles at speeds of up to 45mph, with one vehicle every two minutes.

The scheme was outlined by council officials yesterday, who hope it will be largely financed by the private sector. It could be in operation by 1992 and is forecast to carry about 10 million passengers a year. Vehicles will be electrically powered and operated from a control centre.

It is planned to place a private bill before Parliament in November seeking approval for the scheme.

Police report 29% breath-testing rise

By Our Transport Correspondent

The number of reported roadside breath tests in England and Wales rose by more than a quarter last year, and during the two-week period over Christmas the daily rate of testing was more than twice as high as the average for the year as a whole.

Statistics published by the Home Office yesterday show that in 1987 there were 392,000 reported roadside breath tests, an increase of 29 per cent over the previous year. Of those, 97,000 proved positive and 16,000 drivers were arrested for refusing the tests.

The Home Office said up to half the increase in the number of tests may have been the result of more comprehensive reporting than in previous years. About 80 per cent of the tests were administered where a traffic offence had occurred, and the remainder after an accident.

In the two weeks from December 19 to January 1, the level of testing rose markedly. The average daily number was 2,600, compared with 1,100 a day for the year as a whole.

The statistics show large variations in the rate of testing by different police forces, ranging from three to 245 a day in 1987.

When the number of tests is related to the size of the population in individual police force areas, it is found that for all but four forces, the rates of testing were between one and four per 100,000 people a day.

English rush to buy Scots homes

By Kerry Gill

House prices in many parts of Scotland are soaring with so-called 'blue chip' properties in Edinburgh and country houses in Perthshire and the Borders recording spectacular rises.

The buoyant market has been caused by the unprecedented availability of finance coupled with the realization that property has hitherto been under-valued.

Many houses, such as Georgian apartments in Edinburgh's New Town, are being snapped up by people from the South-east of England. A typical example was a flat advertised at offers over £90,000 selling for £130,000. In the Borders, a country house marketed in excess of £150,000 was snapped up by an English buyer for more than £200,000. Another senior executive bought a substantial house south-west of Glasgow and now commutes to London every day by shuttle.

Mr Michael Ramsay, a partner with D M Hall and Son, chartered surveyors, said there was no doubt that people had realized that property had been under-valued in the past.

"Money is coming from everywhere. There have never been so many sources of finance, with banks and building societies competing for business.

"Edinburgh is now a financial centre second to London and I think this is having an effect. There is no problem in getting loans here," he said yesterday.

In Edinburgh, the cost of a four-bedroom, stone terrace house has risen by around 50 per cent in 12 months to £200,000.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Scotland has labelled the phenomenon "buy-at-any-cost fever". But some members have warned against paying over the odds in case of a deterioration in the market.

House prices are also rising in the Glasgow and central Scotland area. In Glasgow, tenement flats — once despised, but now subject to renovation — can fetch more than £40,000.

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Court seizes Ken Dodd's passport over tax charges

By Michael Horsnell

Ken Dodd, the comedian, was ordered to surrender his passport yesterday after magistrates were told he might flee the country rather than face trial over an alleged tax fraud involving up to £500,000.

The Liverpool entertainer from Knotty Ash, who was made an OBE in 1982, faced nine new charges when he was committed for trial on a total of 27 tax offences.

Liverpool Magistrates' Court was told there were fears, denied by the defence, that Mr Dodd, aged 56, who has assets overseas, might flee the country.



Still smiling: Ken Dodd after the hearing yesterday.

No figure for the amount of tax allegedly owed was disclosed during the 25-minute hearing, but sums of £350,000 and £475,000 were mentioned relating to a period up to April this year.

Mr Norman Wootton, the stipendiary magistrate, ordered Mr Dodd to surrender his passport, but said he could apply for its return for "specific periods and purposes".

Mr Dodd was granted bail on sureties of £25,000 each from his girl friend and his brother.

Mr David Hartnett, senior principal inspector of taxes in charge of the investigation, told the crowded court: "The Inland Revenue view makes this case much more serious than we originally thought.

"Dodd has overseas assets, but only he has knowledge what these assets are. I have confidential information that Mr Dodd might not be at any trial which may take place. But I have had no opportunity to check that information."

Cross-examined by Miss Susan Klonin, for the defendant, he agreed that the defendant had been aware of an Inland Revenue investigation and that they had been going through his affairs "with a fine-toothed comb for some years".

Miss Klonin asked: "Until these further allegations were made in recent weeks, Mr Dodd had made efforts to pay to the Inland Revenue all that was owed?"

Mr Hartnett replied: "Yes, in the last two days."

Miss Klonin said Mr Dodd had decided to apply for reporting restrictions to be lifted because he was anxious for wide media coverage of his protestations of innocence.

"He proposes to stand his trial. He has been fully co-operative with the Inland Revenue", she said.

"Mr Dodd was born and bred in this area. He has no intention of fleeing the country."

However, she added: "He very much needs a break. He suffers from bronchitis and emphysema. His doctor advises that he should go abroad for his health."

Mr Wootton agreed to bail, but added: "His passport will also be surrendered. But I give leave to apply for its return for specific periods and purposes".

Mr Dodd hopes to take a 22-day holiday abroad at the end of the month.

The nine new charges against Mr Dodd relate to the period 1983 to 1987. Three are common law charges alleging false accounting involving the comedian's company, Ken Dodd Enterprises.

The other six come under the Theft Act 1968 and also relate to Ken Dodd Enterprises. They allege that Mr Dodd falsified documents with a view to "gain for himself".

The 18 previous charges relate to Mr Dodd's three companies, Diddy Scripts, Happiness Music and Ken Dodd Enterprises, as well as banking accounts, savings accounts, loan accounts, safety deposit boxes and building society and co-operative society accounts.

A number of the charges allege delivery of false accounts of the net profits of Ken Dodd Enterprises with intent to defraud the Inland Revenue between 1972 and 1983.

Three charges accuse the comedian of omitting income from his tax returns with intent to defraud the taxman between 1981 and 1983.

One accuses him of "cheating" the Queen and Inland Revenue by excluding from returns income from his entertainment works, overseas earnings and interest.

Run for the world



Kriss Akabusi, the athlete, with his daughter Ashanti, aged four, at the launch of Sport Aid 88 in London yesterday when he signed for the global Race Against Time on September 11 in aid of children's charities (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

JP applauds commuter's Tube protest

By Patrick O'Hanlon

A commuter who was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after complaining to London Underground staff about "dangerous" overcrowding on an escalator, was congratulated yesterday by a magistrate who dismissed the charges against him.

Miss Audrey Jennings told Mr Christopher Sutton, aged 58, a television producer of Adolphus Road, Finsbury Park, north London: "What you met when you tried to make a proper protest was appalling".

Mr Sutton said that Mr Henry Feathers, the station manager at Oxford Circus Underground station, had dismissed his complaint and suggested that he write to London Transport.

When Mr Sutton protested he was arrested by British Transport Police and bundled into an office shouting: "Help me."

Mr Sutton, who conducted his own defence at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, central London, said: "When I got to the top of the escalator there was a mass of bodies in front of me, nearly prostrate because they were being knocked forward."

Only two ticket barriers were open and when he complained to Mr Feathers about the danger, "he said 'tell it to 55, The Broadway' (London Transport's headquarters). I just don't know what would have happened had there been a fire."

Mr Feathers claimed that Mr Sutton "went berserk", saying "You will have another King's Cross disaster on your hands" and shouting "what are you going to do?"

The station manager admitted that there was "a bit of a bottleneck at the station", but added "we haven't got the staff".

Six fellow passengers including Mr Martin Davis, a fire protection engineer, offered evidence in Mr Sutton's defence. Mr Davis said: "It had the makings of a disaster. I just don't know what one does if you can't get off the escalator." He was horrified to see Mr Sutton being dragged away "like some kind of convict."

Miss Jennings told Mr Sutton: "I consider it a great relief that people like you are still around."

She dismissed both charges and awarded Mr Sutton costs out of central funds.

'Blitz' on benefit frauds at resorts

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Fraud investigators are running a "summer blitz" at holiday resorts to catch casual hotel, restaurant and beachside workers who are drawing unemployment benefit illegally.

In recent summers similar inquiries have led to thousands of people withdrawing their claims.

Last year, Department of Employment investigators reported that about 80,000 illegal claimants had left the register and 3,960 were prosecuted.

After deducting the cost of the investigations, the saving to the taxpayer during the year was £54.6 million.

The blitz was highlighted yesterday by the release of details of inquiries at Torbay, Devon. Investigators there began interviewing employers and going through their books in July.

They reported such widespread fraud that a second investigation was begun almost as soon as the first had finished.

In the first four-week drive, aimed mainly at finding claimants from inland cities who work at seaside resorts during the summer months, the investigators examined 728 cases.

Of those, 258 claimants agreed to withdraw their claims for benefits. Only the worst 20 are to be prosecuted. The second exercise in Torbay is scheduled to last six weeks.

The investigators believe unemployment fraud in Torbay is twice the national average. The clampdown in the town is said to have already saved the taxpayer around £200,000 in benefit payments.

At the Department of Employment in London, officials confirmed the figures and said "three or four" similar exercises were going on at other coastal resorts.

Investigations in places such as Torbay were now "customary" in the summer and were usually highly successful.

Last year a total of 396,200 individual investigations were carried out.

Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment, said that his department had put extra resources into fraud investigation this year and it was determined to stop any abuse of the benefit system.

He went on: "Although we know the majority of claimants are unemployed and looking for work, there are a significant minority of people who set out to defraud the system. That is why we are undertaking special fraud exercises such as the recent joint exercise with the Department of Social Security in Torbay, which has saved the taxpayer almost £200,000."

Mr Cope said the Torbay exercise was due to end in early September.

Hattersley alleges election 'trickery'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday maintained Labour's offensive against the Government's handling of the economy by claiming that the Conservatives had played a "confidence trick' on the electorate to win the 1987 general election.

Labour's deputy leader said that his party's prediction before the last election that the Government was precipitating a sterling and balance of payments crisis had been correct in everything but timing.

Labour's only error had been to forecast that the day of reckoning would come in the autumn or winter of 1987.

Mr Hattersley, speaking in Exeter, said that interest rates had recently risen for the seventh time in two months, imposing a disastrous burden on industrialists who wanted to invest. The mortgage rate was so high that the cost of buying a house had increased by more than the average reductions in income tax. Inflation was likely to rise by more than 6 per cent, almost twice the rate forecast by the Government, and the balance of payments accelerated into ever increasing deficit.

In spite of all this, the Government continued to fuel the flames which had scorched the economy. Debts outstanding on consumer credit agreements had topped £25 billion for the first time.

Mr Hattersley said this was the price the Government was paying for a Conservative victory.

Millionaire is fined for killing protected bird

Millionaire stores group founder Mr Michael Robertson shot a protected heron because it was eating his rare and valuable Japanese fish, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Robertson, aged 66, had spent £2,000 stocking the lakes around one of his shops with Japanese koi, but herons constantly flew in and speared the fish with their beaks.

"Herons may be a protected species but they are an absolute plague. I know what I did was wrong but I regard them as vermin," Mr Robertson said in a letter to South-east Cornwall magistrates sitting at Liskeard.

Mr Robertson of The Planners Dilemma, Twowatersfoot, near Liskeard, pleaded guilty to intentionally killing a heron on May 31. He was fined £150.

In his letter Mr Robertson said: "In Austria they have an open season on herons. I gave up shooting some time ago but I regard it is as an unwritten law that they can be shot."

Mr Robertson has had a series of long-running planning battles.

Two years ago his company was fined £4,500, by the same magistrates, for illegally felling 208 trees to make room for a new car park at his Liskeard shop. The incident was known locally as the "Trago Mills' Chainsaw Massacre".

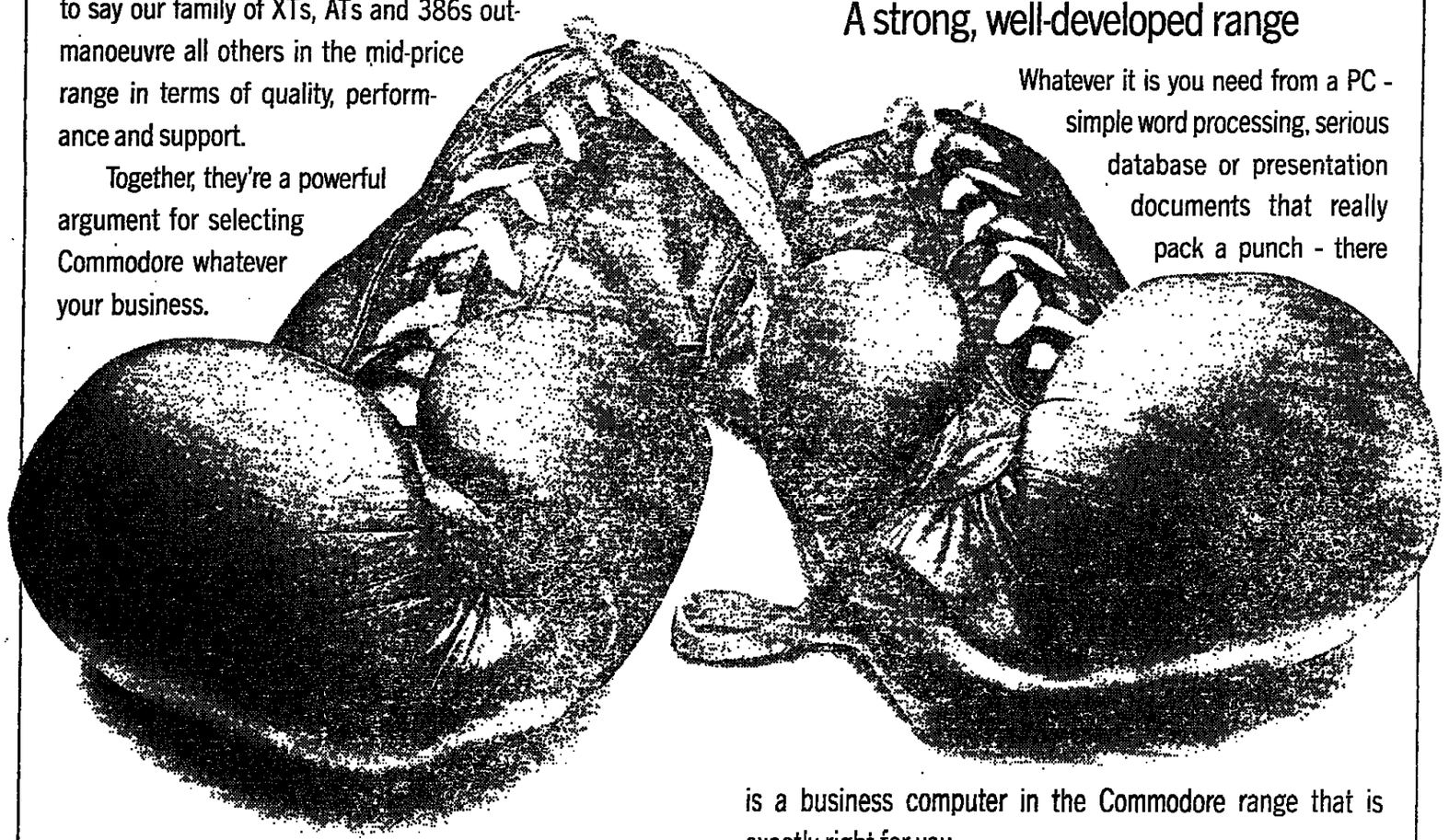
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'Tortured' SLA captives may be linked to hostage deal

From Robert Fisk, Qabrikha, southern Lebanon

Militia officers in southern Lebanon are suggesting that the 260 or so Shia Muslim inmates of the notorious prison at Khiam in the south of the country may form part of the ultimate deal to free Western hostages in Lebanon.

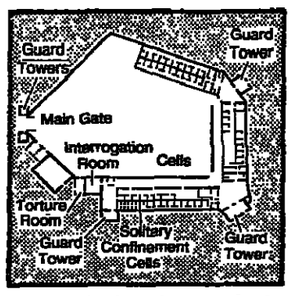
The Lebanese guerrilla resistance movement has now obtained a detailed map of the large jail in the Israeli-occupied zone of the country from a professional civil engineer who was imprisoned there, and it shows the room where prisoners say they are tortured with electricity.

It also shows 14 solitary confinement cells which former inmates say are only 3 ft by 3 ft and 3 ft 6 in high and in which they say they have been held for up to a week at a time in total darkness.

The Times obtained a copy of the map from a former prisoner, who described how he worked for the prison guards in order to see every part of the jail.

The man, whose first name is Mohamed but who asked not to be further identified for fear of retribution from pro-Israeli militia, says that he was questioned while electric shocks were being administered to him from a hand-cranked generator.

Officials of the Amal movement and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah are now speaking privately of the possibility of swapping Western captives in Beirut for some of the Khiam prisoners, many of whom were seized in Israeli raids and accused of membership of resistance groups. Mr Nabih Berri, the



Amal leader in Beirut, has in the past alluded several times to the necessity of releasing the Khiam inmates if a satisfactory conclusion is to be found to the ordeal of the Western hostages, and at least one Hezbollah spiritual leader is now linking Khiam to their fate.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has been prevented from visiting the jail and Amnesty International has condemned what it says is good evidence of torture with electricity there.

UN troops in that part of Lebanon have reported screams coming from the prison, a former French mandate fort that was used as part of an RAF base during the Second World War.

The Times was given detailed statements last year by former prisoners of ill treatment and torture.

The Israelis say that, although the prison is in their occupation area, it is run by the Israeli-paid and Israeli-trained "South Lebanon Army" militia — and that Israel cannot therefore give permission for a Red Cross visit. Former inmates say that Israelis often carry out interrogations and visit the jail and must therefore know what goes on there.

El-Saeed Samaha Fadlallah, the principal Hezbollah spiritual leader in the far south of Lebanon, told *The Times* this week that the Western hostages might be released in parallel with Khiam prisoners — men and women whom the Shia Muslims of this part of the country also regard as hostages.

The United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) keeps confidential lists of inmates, many of whom have been held for several years.

In the village of Majdal Silm, for example, two men — Abdul Halim Yassin, aged 25, and Ali Ahmed Milhem, a 40-year-old father of seven — were taken away by Israeli troops in June, 1985, and imprisoned in Khiam. They have still not been released. The former prisoner, Mohamed, whose map of Khiam is in the hands of the Lebanese resistance movement, said that he had himself been tortured with electric shock — wires were attached to his fingers — when he was arrested in 1985.

He added that after some months his treatment improved when his Israeli and SLA captors realized that he was not a guerrilla.

His map shows the pentagon-shaped outer wall of the jail surrounded by five watchtowers and a barbed wire perimeter fence. He has identified a small room on the left-hand side of the map as the torture location.

The central parade ground, he said, was often used by guards who made prisoners stand there for 48 hours without food or water. Private requests to General Antoine Lahd — the former Lebanese Army officer who controls the SLA militia — to visit the jail have always been rejected. He refused to allow *The Times* to see it last year. No trials are ever held for the inmates, although some former prisoners report that a local Lebanese doctor from the town of Marjayoun sometimes came to visit them.

When the American passengers from the hijacked TWA aircraft were released in 1985, their freedom was part of an agreement to release Palestinian and Lebanese inmates of the Israeli prison at Atlit.

Since then there have been repeated hints — among Western diplomats, as well as militias — that the Khiam prisoners might ultimately be exchanged for Western hostages in Beirut.

First of UN's blue berets begin Gulf peace mission

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The thin blue line of United Nations peace-keeping troops who will stand between Iran and Iraq, possibly for many years, began to take shape yesterday.

The first five peace-keepers flew into Tehran yesterday a few hours after a similar group reached Baghdad. They will be joined by 350 other observers drawn from 25 countries, before the ceasefire negotiated by the United Nations officially begins at 3am GMT on August 20.

The size of their task was underlined when Tehran radio announced that Iraqi jets flew over five Iranian towns yesterday, although no military action was reported.

The arrival of the first UN blue berets in Tehran follows that of Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, who was in London earlier in the week. Although his visit is primarily to discuss trade issues, he is expected to raise the fate of Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

None of the hostages is Australian, but because relations between Tehran and Canberra have not suffered the same strains as those with London and Washington, he will be well placed to intercede. Australian sources in London said he had no meetings with British ministers or church leaders during a two-day stopover, but his mission comes at a time of revived optimism on the hostages.

Mr Hayden is understood to have approved of a visit to Tehran last month by the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev David Penman, who said later that he was hopeful the hostages would be released before long.

The 24 countries which have offered military observers are Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Irish Republic, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

The unarmed United Nations monitoring force, to be known as Uniimog (UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group), will be tiny in relation to the size of its task. It will attempt to monitor the disputed 740-mile border, which includes the Shatt al-Arab waterway and areas of marshland, desert and mountains.

It will be assisted by military and civilian back-up staff, including a Canadian unit of 370 men responsible for communications. But Whitehall sources said neither Britain nor any of the four other permanent members of the Security Council had been asked to contribute personnel.

The border appeared to be quiet yesterday after Iran's announcement that it will observe a *de facto* ceasefire immediately. But the lack of a clear commitment by Baghdad to reciprocate it left a jittery mood in Tehran.

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's military chief and parliamentary Speaker, ordered all forces to hold their fire but remain alert. He said they were "duty-bound to remain prepared and alert and give a suitable response to any enemy mischief in the air, at sea and on the ground. We are facing enemies whose claims and promises cannot be trusted".

His words may have been intended partly to sustain public morale by focusing on the continuing possibility of a military threat. Unlike Baghdad, Tehran has seen no public rejoicing over the ceasefire, which some regard as a capitulation for which Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani was partly reponsible. He is thought to have been the intellectual force behind Tehran's announcement on July 18 that it would accept the UN Security Council Resolution 598, the development which led to the breakthrough in New York.

Most Western diplomats regard the ceasefire announcement by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, as only the beginning of a peace process which could take years. He is to attend the opening of face-to-face peace talks in Geneva on August 25, but with a wide range of contentious issues to be resolved, no one expects fast progress.

The delegates, who are expected to include the foreign ministers of the two countries, will be faced with trying to settle by negotiation the festering border dispute which eight years of fighting has failed to clarify.

Iraq's original reason for invading Iran in 1980 was its dissatisfaction with an agreement made in Algiers in 1975 between the Shah and President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader. It moved the international border from the Iranian bank of the Shatt al-Arab to the middle of the waterway, effectively giving half of it to Iran.

A glide from the top of Mount Fuji



Rick Dunkan, the Australian hang-glider champion, centre, preparing for a flight from 12,400 ft Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan. Mr Dunkan glided around for an hour before landing in a school yard at the foot of the mountain.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pretoria's troops start to pull out

South African troops began pulling out from forward bases in southern Angola yesterday in accordance with agreements reached with the Angolans and Cubans in Geneva earlier this month (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg).

"Our troops will cross the border (into Namibia) at different points and at different times", Brigadier Tim Krynauw, director of public relations of the South African Defence Force, said. "I cannot say exactly when that will happen. We are still in the planning stage at present."

The number of troops involved in the withdrawal, which under the Geneva agreements must be completed by next month, has not been disclosed, but informed military sources estimated that between 2,000 and 2,500 men were still inside southern Angola, the scene of heavy fighting over the past year.

● **HARARE:** President Mugabe of Zimbabwe says he fears an increase in South African "destabilization" attacks on its black neighbours in the wake of the Angola-Namibia peace accord (Michael Hartnack writes).

Mr Mugabe said the advent of majority rule in Namibia might heighten Pretoria's sense of insecurity and its desire to subvert the independence of its neighbours.

Dubcek under fire

Prague (Reuter) — Czechoslovakia published a sharp attack yesterday on Mr Alexander Dubcek, the ousted leader of the "Prague Spring" reform movement, denouncing his support for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's policy of *glasnost*.

In an article printed days before the 20th anniversary of the crushing of the reform movement by Soviet tanks, the Communist Party daily *Rude Pravo* accused Mr Dubcek of siding with "rightist opportunists" in 1968 and of being a pawn of reactionary circles today. Mr Dubcek, who led the Czechoslovak Communist Party on the road to "communism with a human face" in 1968, called on the Prague leadership last month to follow Mr Gorbachov's radical reform policies. **Legacy of 1968, page 12**

Ecuador bars Ortega

Bogotá — President Ortega of Nicaragua is to arrive in Quito today to join an informal summit meeting of Latin American leaders after the inauguration as Ecuador's new President of Señor Rodrigo Borja (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Señor Ortega had accepted an invitation to the inauguration but was refused entry into the country yesterday by the outgoing President, Señor León Febres Cordero, a right winger who broke off diplomatic relations with Managua in 1985. As his first act as President Señor Borja, a Social Democrat, planned to restore ties with Nicaragua. Among the visiting presidents for the ceremony, Dr Fidel Castro of Cuba — making his first visit to South America in 17 years — has proved the star attraction.

Soviet casualties rise

Moscow (Reuter) — Muslim insurgents in Afghanistan's Kandahar province have inflicted casualties on withdrawing Soviet troops and have stepped up activities in an attempt to set up a rival government, *Pravda* said yesterday.

In a front-page report, it said three soldiers from one Soviet unit were killed and six were injured in the two days leading up to last weekend's pull-out. Three more soldiers were wounded when rebels attacked Soviet armoured cars as they left Kandahar. The *Pravda* report did not say whether other units also suffered losses.

Pilot had tumour

Moscow (Reuter) — Tass said yesterday that the death on Saturday at 47 of the cosmonaut, Anatoly Levchenko, was not related to his eight-day space mission last year.

He died after surgery to remove a brain tumour, it said, although previous reports had said only that he died after a grave illness: "Doctors in no way link the cosmonaut's death with his brief space mission." Levchenko, an experienced test pilot, flew a passenger aircraft from the steppes of Kazakhstan to Moscow last December immediately after returning from a week aboard the Mir space station.

Republicans polish campaign policy

Bush cuts Dukakis's poll lead

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Buoyed by the latest poll showing that Vice-President George Bush has cut sharply into the huge lead that Governor Michael Dukakis had over him, Republicans yesterday met in New Orleans to put the finishing touches to the detailed policy platform on which the party will stand during the autumn campaign.

The 30,000-word document reaffirms the main principles of the Reagan presidency. It takes a hard line against abortion and higher taxes, and voices strong support for the Strategic Defence Initiative.

But it also takes into account many of the changes that have occurred since 1984 and the concerns — especially in the social field — that have become the main issues for most voters. It dwells on Republican plans to extend child care, help Aids victims and the homeless, and respond to changes in the Soviet Union while building on Mr Reagan's arms control policies.

The document was drawn up by staff of the Republican platform committee. It was reviewed and revised by seven sub-committees on Tuesday, and the full text was submitted yesterday to the 106-member committee.

Governor Kay Orr of Nebraska, chairman of the committee, said there had been no major changes by the working parties or real points of controversy, and she did not expect any opposition to the platform planks to be strong enough to produce minority reports to the full convention.

This would mean there is unlikely to be any public debate during the four-day convention on the party's policies, although Republicans have traditionally laid greater emphasis on the platform than Democrats.

Mr Bush yesterday expressed relief at the latest opinion poll, conducted by the Gallup organization and *Newsweek*. This showed Mr Bush only seven percentage points behind Mr Dukakis, instead of the 17-point lead the Democratic nominee enjoyed soon after the Atlanta convention. "It's a nice change, it's a nice turnaround," Mr Bush said while campaigning in Pennsylvania. "I told you to be patient. I like it, I like it." His Pennsylvania trip, with stops in Erie, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, was his last campaign visit before the convention.

The platform will be finally approved tomorrow.

Children and families — at Mr Bush's insistence — receive much more attention than in the 1984 platform.

The draft endorses his plan for tax credits for child care and recognizes that society is in the midst of "sweeping change" as more and more women enter the workforce. In sections on the family and community, it declares: "Those who suffer from Aids, their families and the men and women of medicine who care for the afflicted deserve our compassions and help".

It also blames the Democrats for homelessness, attributing this to "the failure of liberalism".

Making the most of Mr Bush's perceived advantage in foreign affairs over his Democratic rival, the platform deals at length with this issue, and in a way markedly different from the Reagan platforms. A less hostile view is taken of the Soviet Union, and the draft deals with the Gorbachov changes and discusses the proper balance between scepticism and summitry.

Republican policy "must be built upon three basic pillars: strength, realism and dialogue". The accords reached with Moscow in recent years were the direct result of tough Republican policy of "peace through strength".

There is strong support for President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, which Mr Dukakis has criticized.

It declares that "Republicans reject the concept of a Palestinian state between Jordan and Israel". And while it calls South African racism "morally repugnant", and says the party will not rest until apartheid is eliminated, it does not call for sanctions against South Africa.

Denial by psychiatrist

Washington — The Massachusetts psychiatrist who was rumoured to have treated Governor Michael Dukakis says that he has never counselled the Democratic presidential candidate or been asked to do so on any basis (Michael Binyon writes).

Dr Don Lipsitt yesterday told *The Washington Times*, the conservative newspaper that gave wide publicity to the rumours last week, that he wanted to "put the matter to rest". He said: "Our family and the Dukakis family have been friends for 25 years. Our children have had friendships with their children. But it has never been a professional relationship."

He said that never during their friendship had he advised Mr Dukakis on mental health matters. "If he has asked for advice, I would have told him to rely on Dr Gerald Plotkin (Mr Dukakis's doctor), but he did not ask. I've never given him any psychological advice in my living room, over the back fence or in any other informal setting."

The rumour and subsequent publicity raised considerable controversy in the US, with accusations of dirty campaigning and angry rebukes from the medical profession that the stories were adding to the stigma of getting psychiatric help.

Party chief hints at compromise on future of enclave

From Our Correspondent, Moscow

The Communist Party leader of Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday published an article in which, for the first time, he appeared to indicate that his Azerbaijani region would settle for less than transfer to Armenia.

Mr Genrik Pogosian, an ethnic Armenian, said in *Moscow News*: "We have obtained the main thing; the doors between Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia have opened wide."

But it was not clear to what extent Mr Pogosian's article reflected a real shift in opinion in Nagorno-Karabakh, where the Armenian majority has been campaigning since February, through mass demonstrations and prolonged strikes, for the transfer of the region to Armenia.

In his speech on July 18 to a meeting of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, which firmly declined to redraw territorial boundaries, the 47-year-old leader said the "only real solution" for Nagorno-Karabakh would be to remove it from Azerbaijan.

In his *Moscow News* article he stood by his statement to the meeting of the country's highest state authority. He said: "Having said what I said at the Supreme Soviet Praesidium meeting in Moscow, I can look people in the eye with a clear conscience."

Armenian militants have pledged to continue their struggle. Mr Galastian Ambartsoum, a member of the dissolved Karabakh committee which spearheaded the nationalist movement, said this week that a petition protesting at the Praesidium's decision and calling for the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia was circulating in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

The 11-member committee has also asked for permission to hold a rally in Yerevan soon, and he said they would call for a new wave of strikes if their demands were not met.

Western journalists, meanwhile, were told this week that they had been barred from travelling to the two neighbouring southern republics because of fears that they would fan dissent.

● **Dissidents leave:** The Jewish refusenik family, Yuri and Tanya Zieman and their 12-year-old daughter Vera, at the centre of a superpower tug-of-war during the Moscow summit, left the Soviet Union yesterday for the United States, ending their 11-year struggle for exit visas.

● **VIENNA:** Hungary's Communist Party leadership has reportedly called for a panel monitoring human rights to be set up within the Warsaw Pact.

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Shamir in 'iron fist' threat to Palestinian state



Mr Shamir: Silencing MPs who opposed his policy yesterday.

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's Prime Minister, said yesterday that Israel would use an iron fist to stop any moves to form an independent Palestinian state or government-in-exile.

He rejected international demands for Palestinian self-determination as "hypocritical and meaningless".

At a special session of the Knesset called to discuss Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Mr Shamir said he opposed Palestinian proposals for an independent state in Israeli-occupied territories and for a Palestinian government-in-exile.

"Israel will not play this game. It will prevent with the utmost vigour any idea of a Palestinian government," he said. "Should there be maniacs who raise (the idea), they will encounter an iron fist which will leave no trace of such attempts," the right-wing leader said.

Mr Shamir rejected pressure to negotiate with Palestinians following King Husain's announcement last month that he was handing responsibility for the West Bank to the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel captured the West Bank, home to 850,000 Palestinians, from Jordan in 1967.

"There is no government in Israel that will countenance phoney, meaningless and hypocritical international demands for self-determination for Palestinians," Mr Shamir said, branding the PLO an "organization of murderers".

Mr Shamir added: "When Jordan made its decision, it harmed the Arab population, not the state of Israel."

At an inner Cabinet meeting on the Jordan disengagement, Mr Shamir clashed with Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, in one of the most heated sessions in recent memory, political sources said.

The two argued over the future of the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip, which have witnessed an eight-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

"The annexation of the territories is a disaster for the Jewish people," Mr Peres was quoted as saying. Mr Shamir reportedly replied: "I am opposed to annexation. We do not annex something that belongs to us. I am in favour of imposing Israeli law on parts of the land of Israel, all of the land of Israel is ours."

Mr Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc, supports talks on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied areas, but rejects an international Middle East peace conference on the ground that it would force Israel to withdraw to insecure borders. Mr Peres, of the Labour Party, supports a United Nations-sponsored conference along with the international community and the Arab world. Both Likud and Labour oppose a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza or talks with the PLO.

Meanwhile, an Israel soldier was injured in Ramallah, in the West Bank when Palestinians threw two petrol bombs, military sources said. Police in the Gaza Strip said they were holding three Palestinians from the Jabaliyah camp after the murder of an elderly Israeli woman.

● **Taba deadlock:** The latest bid to reach a compromise between Israel and Egypt on the disputed piece of Sinai territory at Taba, in advance of a binding arbitration ruling due at the end of next month, has failed (David Bernstein writes).

An Israeli negotiating team, headed by the Director-General of the Prime Minister's office, Mr Josef Ben-Aharon, returned from Cairo early yesterday morning empty-handed after the Egyptian side refused to consider any compromise that did not accept Egypt's sovereignty over the disputed area.

Israel is anxious to reach a compromise in advance of the arbitration ruling which looks like going against it. Egypt appears to be more confident of the outcome and less inclined to agree to any arrangements that would compromise its sovereignty. But it is apparently anxious that Israel might not implement an arbitration ruling so is not opposed to a compromise.

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Free trade deal with US

Canada gets ready for election after Liberal challenge

From John Best, Ottawa

The Canadian House of Commons returned to work yesterday, after its two-week summer break, facing the prospect of a speedy dissolution of Parliament and general election after a spectacular gamble by Mr John Turner, the Liberal Leader of the Opposition.

Among political observers in Ottawa, agreement is growing that Mr Brian Mulroney, the Conservative Prime Minister, will not wait long before obtaining a dissolution.

Parliament has been living on borrowed time since July 20, when Mr Turner made a surprise announcement that the Liberal-dominated, non-elected Senate, or Upper House, would stall the Government's legislation, which opens the way to complete free trade with the United States, for as long as it takes to force an election on the issue.

The dominant issue in the campaign is certain to be the divisive free trade question.

Both opposition parties, the Liberals and the left-wing New Democratic Party, are opposed to the free-trade deal which Mr Mulroney and President Reagan signed early this year.

It provides for a progressive dismantling of remaining tariff barriers between the two countries over 10 years beginning next January 1.

The opposition parties say that Canada would be smothered in such a close embrace with the US and would eventually lose its political, as well as its economic, independence. Mr Turner, a former Prime Minister, calls the legislation derisively the "Sale of Canada Act".

Trade between the two countries, already largely tariff-free, is running at an annual rate of $Can 185 billion (£90 billion) a year: easily the biggest commercial partnership in the world.

The legislation is expected to move quickly through the remaining stages of Commons consideration with the House now back in session. But Mr Turner's ultimatum ensures that, unless ratified in an election, the agreement will not receive final parliamentary approval before the scheduled implementation date.

Washington (Reuter) — US congressmen have voted overwhelmingly to scrap tariffs on trade with Canada over 10 years.

The 366-40 vote on Tuesday in the House of Representatives reflected the eagerness of American legislators to cement a pact with the country's single largest trade partner. An equally easy passage for the proposals is expected in the Senate.

Thus a general election this year, already widely expected anyway, has been practically guaranteed by the Opposition leader's daring manoeuvre. Many analysts believe that Mr Mulroney will wait until the free-trade legislation goes to the Senate and then move swiftly to send Canada's thirty-third Parliament packing.

So far though, the Prime Minister has refused to show his hand, saying only that an election will be held at an "appropriate" time.

Technically, the Tories, who swept the Liberals from office with a landslide win in September 1984, have more than a year to go on their five-year mandate. Traditionally, however, elections are held about every four years.

The political atmosphere generally is beginning to look conducive to an early election. For the first time since early in their tenure, the Tories have been showing sustained strength in the opinion polls.

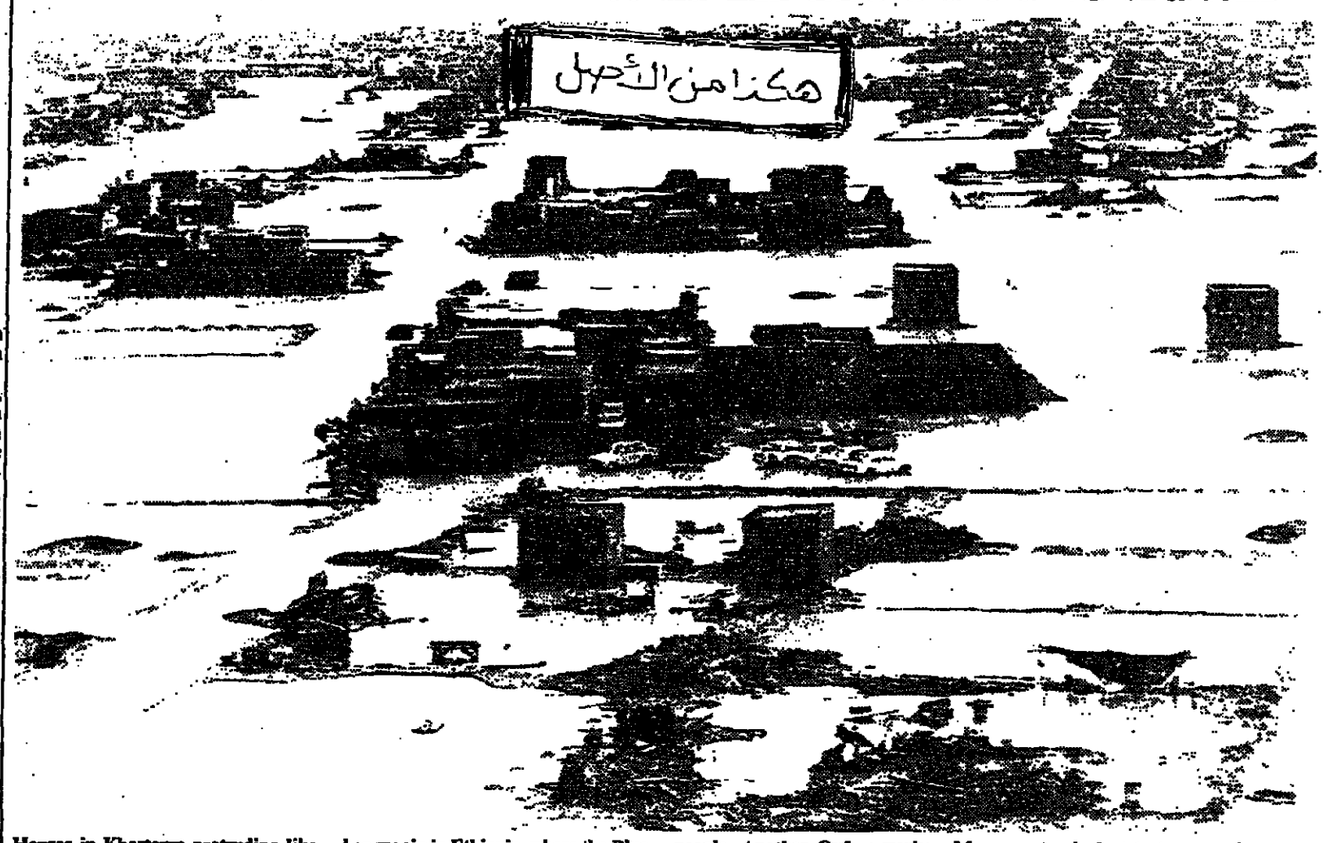
Lately they have been running neck-and-neck with the Liberals, who at one time were far ahead of them, and that may be enough to convince Mr Mulroney that his party has the momentum it needs.

Mr Turner has taken the political gamble of his life in enlisting the Senate Liberal caucus — made up of senators appointed during the long years of Liberal rule before September, 1984 — to help him fight his free trade battle.

For it will enable Mr Mulroney, on the hustings, to accuse Mr Turner of colluding with non-elected senators to thwart the will of the elected representatives of the people. The Prime Minister, in fact, has begun playing that refrain already.

But Mr Turner argues that he is championing true democracy by ensuring that something of such immense importance to Canada as free trade with the United States does not take effect until Canadians have had a chance to pronounce on it.

Threat of more rain in flooded Sudan



Houses in Khartoum protruding like islands in streets under 6 ft of water — this helicopter-view of the Sudanese capital yesterday reveals the terrible devastation caused by last week's torrential rains. Amid fears of further heavy rainfall in Khartoum, the Sudanese Government has made contingency plans to move hundreds of thousands of people to areas of higher ground, and has used aerial photography to identify suitable places (Andrew McEwen writes).

The risk of a second phase of flooding striking before basic relief efforts can be completed after the first disaster is considered high. Although more than a year's normal rainfall fell in 13 hours last Thursday, another downpour could happen at any time in August. An overnight telex from Oxfam's representative in Sudan, Mr Mark Duffield, said that the Nile had risen two inches in 24 hours because of heavy rain in Ethiopia, where the Blue Nile rises.

International efforts to assist the Sudanese Government are gathering pace but are still far short of the needs of the 1.5 million people who were made homeless. The Sudanese Red Crescent reported yesterday: "Situation continues near critical condition."

But a more graphic account was given by Miss Pat Diskett, an Oxfam health co-ordinator who flew back on Tuesday. She said yesterday that aid agencies in Khartoum found 30 of their Sudanese staff had been killed, suggesting that the death toll must be much higher than reported.

Oxfam's office administrator, Mrs Randa Mizhe, told her that she fled from her house when it began crumbling and spent the night standing in the floods. But later a dividing wall in her home collapsed, killing four other people. Another Oxfam worker, Mr Prize Gagyi, had his house completely washed away.

She visited the shanty suburb of Haj Yusuf and found destruction on a huge scale. Some of the houses made of mud bricks had dissolved. Others were made of cement blocks held together by mud mortar which had dissolved, bringing the walls down. "It was like a building site," she said.

Open latrines used by refugees who had come to the capital to escape Sudan's civil war and drought had been flooded, contaminating water supplies and creating a high risk of typhoid, dysentery and cholera. When she left there were still severe shortages of bread, drinking water and diesel fuel.

Miss Diskett reported that the total rainfall last Thursday was 22 centimetres (8.66 in), which is more than previously reported. She said this was equivalent to two years' average rainfall in Khartoum.

Mr Duffield appealed for more blankets, water tanks and plastic sheeting and Oxfam responded by chartering a plane which will leave on Saturday. The British Red Cross is sending another aircraft out tonight loaded with £100,000 worth of penicillin, water-purifying tablets, tents and blankets. Three other aircraft paid for by the British Government will begin leaving tomorrow.

● NAIROBI: Anxiety is increasing in Sudan as a further huge rise in floodwaters is expected to follow the opening of sluices on the Roseires and Senna dams on the Blue Nile (Andrew Buckoke writes).

The decision to open the sluices was forced on the authorities by increasing pressures on the dam walls, according to a statement issued by the Sudanese Embassy in Nairobi.

Capri acts to repel invasion of tourists

Naples (Reuter) — Italian authorities on Capri have threatened tourists with fines of up to £400 if they walk around the island in swimming costumes or wear noisy clogs. The mayor, Signor Saverio Valente, has also banned tents, loud radios and dogs not on leads.

Capri, always overcrowded in summer, had 12,000 visitors in a single day last weekend, prompting calls for measures to limit their numbers.

Nazi expelled

Bolzano (AP) — Anton Maloth, aged 76, sentenced to death in Czechoslovakia in 1948 for war crimes, was being flown to West Germany yesterday after being arrested in Italy with an expired German passport. A Czech extradition plea failed.

Software theft

Chicago (AP) — An 18-year-old high school student was charged with using his personal computer to break into AT & T and government computers and steal more than $1 million (£588,235) worth of software.

Milking funds

Peking (AFP) — A study reported in the *Legal Daily* showed Chinese milk merchants in Kunming, Yunnan province, had mixed urine and lime with the milk to increase their profits.

Climber lost

Talkeetna (Reuter) — A Spanish climber is presumed dead after failing to return from a solo climb of Mount McKinley, according to reports at this Alaskan station.

Pilot killed

Ankara (Reuter) — A Turkish Air Force jet crashed during a training flight near Western Balikesir, killing its pilot. It is the Turks' fourth Lockheed F-104 to crash this year.

Aids toll up

Moscow (Reuter) — The number of Soviet Aids carriers has risen to 64 and could reach 250 by the end of the year, the newspaper *Trud* reported. It said only one Soviet citizen had developed symptoms.

Crimea crash

Moscow (Reuter) — A Soviet military transport plane with passengers on board crashed into the Sea of Azov off the Crimea, killing an unspecified number of people, the forces paper, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, said.

Camera ban

The Hague (Reuter) — Dutch prostitutes are to use "no camera" stickers in their Amsterdam windows. They complain picture-taking tourists are driving away their clientele.

Superflic, Zouzou and the tale of two promotion lists

French police farce takes a fresh turn

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

The senior ranks of France's national police force, already shaken by allegations that a respected Parisian *commissaire* has been extorting money from prostitutes, were thrown into turmoil yesterday by a judgement stripping many top officers of their jobs.

In an unprecedented ruling, the administrative tribunal of Paris declared that the promotion of 130 men by a freshly elected conservative Government in June, 1986, had been illegal and relieved all of them from their commands.

Although the independent tribunal examined only the administrative process by which the officers became divisional *commissaires* (roughly equivalent to the British chief superintendent), there is, as so often in France, a political dimension in the background. It is no secret that the 1986 promotions were intended to install supporters of the incoming administration of M Jacques Chirac.

One of the first acts of M Chirac's Interior Minister, M Charles Pasqua, was to overturn the table of promotions for *commissaires* drawn up in concert with police representatives by his Socialist predecessor.

Out of the window went seven officers whose loyalties were considered suspect. Two of the casualties had been zealously investigating the activities of the extreme right wing in the troubled French territory of New Caledonia, and four more were suspected of socialist leanings. The seventh was the unfortunate *commissaire* who was responsible for the region which the former Interior Minister, M Pierre Joxe, had represented in Parliament.

M Pasqua's new list included one of his own senior associates, a colleague of M Chirac in the Paris city hall and an officer involved in one of the numerous political scandals of the day.

It was a bold stroke, ignoring the established convention that promotion at this level should not be "politicized".

On the other hand, the *syndicat des commissaires*, considered to speak for the more conservative elements of the national police hierachy, raised no objections to the hasty revision of lists that it had only just agreed with M Joxe. Today another turn of the political wheel in France has brought M Joxe back to his old ministry, which means this decidedly sensitive issue is now firmly on his plate.

By coincidence, or perhaps not, given the present strains, the steamy saga involving Commissaire Yves Jobic of the capital's first district has just taken a new turn.

As *The Times* reported last month, the jailing of M Jobic on suspicion of his being a pimp resulted from a feud between the national police and France's paramilitary gendarmerie.

Since then the youthful M Jobic, known to colleagues as "Superflic" for the zeal with which he pursued prostitutes, pimps and drug pushers on his patch, has been released pending further investigation.

There was rejoicing among the police until a couple of days ago *Le Monde* published a well documented story on *l'affaire Jobic*.

Drawing on what appear to be transcripts of tapped telephone calls between the *commissaire* and an informer from the red light zone round the Rue de Budapest, plus extensive access to sworn statements from certain ladies of the night, such as Zouzou, who claim to have paid M Jobic protection money, it did not exactly burnish the accused officer's outstanding reputation.

However, at the Ministry of the Interior, wary officials indicated that yet another list of promotions is being prepared while the judgement of the tribunal is thoroughly reviewed.

Martens acts to end Belgium's war of words



Mr Martens: Budget woes complicating reforms.

From Michael Dynes
Brussels

The five-party coalition Government of Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, is to start work soon on constitutional reforms aimed at lessening tensions between the country's two linguistic communities by granting them a degree of autonomy.

Last Friday the Senate approved the first phase of Mr Martens's federalization plan, under which jurisdiction of almost 50 per cent of public funds will be handed over to French-speaking Wallonia, Flemish-speaking Flanders and bilingual Brussels.

The three regions will exercise control over education, economic policy, public works, and research and development in an effort to neutralize their historic antagonism.

Communal tensions have become increasingly acute during the past decade as Wallonia, dependent on traditional industries, has suffered a severe economic decline, while Flanders, largely because of a flexible workforce and a favourable geographical location, has witnessed an economic upturn.

The next phase of federalization, due later this year, is designed to allocate the public funds needed to give effect to regional autonomy. Friction over who gets what portion of the national budget seems inevitable.

The final phase of the proposal, which will specify what powers the national Government will retain, and introduce direct elections to regional parliaments, is not due until 1989, and is likely to face an extremely turbulent passage in Brussels.

Complicating the linguistic reforms is a pressing need to trim a further £745 million from next year's budget. The Government knuckled down yesterday to what is expected to be a week of potentially divisive negotiations on the budget.

Mr Martens, three months into his eighth coalition Government, says the budget deficit must be kept to its target of 7 per cent of gross national product. But the required cuts are expected to prompt argument within the coalition, which consists of Christian Democrats and Socialists from both the French and Flemish-speaking regions and the Flemish nationalist People's Union. Recent tax reforms, however, may make left-wing critics toe the line. But difficulties could arise over the way in which the proposed public expenditure cuts might affect the spending powers of the regions following implementation of plans to make Belgium a federation.

Mr Martens's much-vaunted scheme to end regional rivalry has, according to local press accounts, been greeted with little more than indifference by Belgians. Some observers have already expressed grave doubts over whether the idea of a federal state has matured sufficiently to make the new powers being granted to the regions work in practice. Mr Martens leads the Flemish-speaking Christian Democrats.

Shuttle engine test boosts hopes of a launch in October

From Christopher Thomas, Cape Canaveral

An apparently flawless testing of the shuttle Discovery's three main engines on its launch pad yesterday gave the space programme's morale a desperately needed boost, raising hopes for a launch late next month or, more likely, in October.

There were hoots of joy at the Kennedy Space Centre as the engines were fired on schedule, shaking the earth and sending up a huge cloud of white smoke.

The engines were ignited one by one until they were all firing together. The longest burnt for 22 seconds, the shortest for 19½ seconds.

The triumph ended two demoralizing, humiliating weeks in which testing was postponed five times because of relatively minor technical hitches, further giving the impression that the shuttle programme was plagued by over-caution and self-doubt.

The computer-controlled firing was virtually a test rehearsal for a launch, although none of the crew was on board. The exercise tested new systems and modes of operation implemented since the Challenger exploded in January, 1986, killing all seven crew. The shuttle programme has been grounded ever since a presidential commission found a pattern of reckless risk-taking.

If anything, Nasa management is now accused of having lost its nerve. The new rules have imposed an almost suffocating level of safety requirements.

Nasa officials concede that the Discovery launch must go without a hitch, otherwise the future of manned space missions could be jeopardized. So far Congress has granted most of Nasa's shuttle budget requests because public opinion remains strongly behind the programme, but another disaster would undoubtedly turn the tide.

There is a sense of urgency to show the shuttle's mettle. After every aborted test, there has been a scramble to fix the fault and reschedule the exercise quickly, to salvage some of the public relations damage.

Even though there were no apparent technical hitches yesterday, for a time just before dawn there was a palpable sense of despair when a storm started moving towards the area. Had rain fallen within five miles, the test would have been called off because of the danger from lightning.

Nasa engineers spent the night trying to locate a small hydrogen fuel-line leak, but failed. In the end they replaced seals and filters, hoping that the problem would be solved.

The real purpose of yesterday's exercise was not to put the engines through their paces, since they have been tested away from the launch pad already. The main aim was to test the software. During the firing, for example, the computers had to ignite each engine in a split-second sequence, and shut them down simultaneously.

Despite the triumph, Nasa faces more technical hurdles before the launch. Engineers will begin soon to repair another leak, buried deep in the orbiter — the first time Nasa has cut into the orbiter while on the launch pad.

Rumbling of dissent as Zimbabwe nears one-party state

From Jan Raath
Harare

As Zimbabwe edges closer to a one-party state, with opposition to the Government of President Mugabe tolerated less and less, democratic debate is ironically increasing.

Leading Zanu party members last week rejected a demand by backbench MPs for the Defence Minister to be suspended and a parliamentary inquiry into allegations of irregularities in the Transport Minister's handling of the national airline.

Since the signing of the agreement uniting Zanu with Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party last December, Parliament has become essentially a one-party body with Zapu MPs sitting in the Cabinet and whites selected by Mr Mugabe to represent the white community's interests.

Discontent has been voiced before among members of Zanu but no matter how vicious the infighting in the central committee the maintenance of a united front remains paramount.

But the party merger, coupled with the absence of white MPs loyal to Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, appear to have ended the need for unquestioning party loyalty.

Mr Byrone Hove, who is a businessman and a backbencher from the Zimbabwean midlands, started a controversy in early July when he called for the establishment of a select committee to investigate a financial and managerial crisis at Air Zimbabwe.

Mr Didymus Mutasa, the parliamentary Speaker, has frequently complained of the dreary standard of debate in the House, but was unprepared for Mr Hove.

He presented a well-researched case with detailed accounts, confidential documents and technical airline data to support his allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the airline, and of interference in its affairs by the Transport Minister, Mr Simbarashe Mumbegegwi.

The floodgates were opened and MPs launched vehement attacks on nearly every issue of policy and administration.

Mr Edgar Tekere, the popular former party secretary-general dismissed from the post in 1981, became the first senior party member to speak out against what Mr Mugabe calls "democratic centralism".

"I want to say here loud and clear that you can count on me to voice my opposition to a one-party state," he said.

It is not clear what support Mr Tekere will receive when the "democratic centralist" system becomes part of the Constitution in 1990, but students at the University of Zimbabwe have shown their support for him already. On July 17 about 300 demonstrated outside the South African trade mission in Harare to mark Nelson Mandela's birthday. Then they marched to Parliament, shouting their support for Mr Tekere.

Government critics have also attacked the leadership code — a document prescribing puritanical behaviour for party leaders and forbidding property ownership — beyond a modest home — and other capitalist indulgences. It is well known here that large slices of prime farm land and private sector businesses — off-licences, hotels, night clubs and supermarkets — are owned by Cabinet ministers, Mr Mugabe being one of the very few beyond suspicion.

The code was adopted at the party's congress in 1985, but solid resistance to its implementation at Cabinet, Politburo and Central Committee level has kept it in limbo.

One of the code's critics, Mrs Angline Tongogara — the widow of General Josiah Tongogara, the leader of Mr Mugabe's guerrilla army during the liberation war — told the upper house that the code should be scrapped — a call echoed repeatedly in the House of Assembly.

The policy of mass education, a cornerstone of the Government's "people-oriented" policies, has also come under attack. Dr Eddison Zvobgo, a former Politburo member and a minister who admits owning hotels, said it was time to realize that the system was producing "too many semi-literate children who ... roam the streets without any prospects of ever finding employment".

During the Air Zimbabwe debate, Mr Enos Nkala, the beleaguered Defence Minister, threateningly asked to know how Mr Hove obtained his information and duly found himself the subject of a motion for suspension for intimidation.

The Speaker later said the motion had been expunged from the order paper because it had not been submitted in written form.

A call by Mr Mutasa for the committee of inquiry into Air Zimbabwe to be allowed to continue its investigation was rejected by the Speaker, who told the House: "Absolute freedom of speech cannot exist in any ordered society." The committee was later dissolved by unanimous vote, and the authority of Mr Mugabe's party chiefs re-established.

But the debate featured consistently on the front pages and was followed blow-by-blow in the crowded townships.

Mr Mugabe may regard the dissenting voices as dangerous, but others say they have witnessed a healthy whetting of appetites for free speech, economic reality and an end to official corruption.

Trial call for jailed white

Harare — A 20-year-old white Zimbabwean is to remain in custody, although a special tribunal has recommended his immediate release (Michael Hartnack writes).

Wayne Haskins was detained in January on suspicion of helping Christopher Bawden, who crossed into South Africa after a bomb killed a man at an African National Congress house in Bulawayo.

At a remand hearing at Chikurubi maximum-security prison yesterday, Mr Simon Bull, appearing for Mr Haskins, said the Detainees Review Tribunal had scrutinized the allegations against Mr Haskins and the Home Affairs Minister, Mr Moven Mahachi, was revoking his detention order. Mr Bull appealed to the authorities to bring Mr Haskins to trial without delay. Under an official order, he cannot receive bail.

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Cemetery and second party liable in conflict over exclusive burial rights

Reed and Others v Madon and Others

Before Mr Justice Morritt
[Judgment July 22]

Where a plaintiff had been granted rights of exclusive burial in a cemetery, by the cemetery company, the plaintiff had a cause of action for infringement not only against the cemetery company but also against the third party where a subsequent conflicting right of exclusive burial had been granted to the third party.

Mr Justice Morritt so held in the Chancery Division in proceedings by the plaintiffs, Handen Iffet Reed, Neriman Grove and Nezih Simon, against Mr F. S. Madon, Brookwood Cemetery Co Ltd and Brookwood Park Ltd.

The action against the second defendant, Mr D. J. T. Dally, director of the third and fourth defendants, was struck out in interlocutory proceedings.

Mr Frank Hinks for the plaintiffs; Mr Stephen Lloyd for the first defendant; Mr John Bryant for the third and fourth defendants.

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that the plaintiffs were three sisters who were were Turkish Muslims. On October 11, 1976 their mother had been buried in Brookwood Cemetery, a burial ground belonging to the third defendant, Brookwood Cemetery Co Ltd.

At the same time, in addition to the plot in which she was buried, a further four adjoining burial plots were purchased for £320 from the third defendant, with exclusive burial rights under clauses 40, 41 and 48 of the Cemetery Clauses Act 1847.

On April 21, 1976, the plaintiffs' father died and next day he was buried in the plot to the left of his wife's grave. The remaining reserved plots were situated one to the right of the mother's grave and the other two to the left of the father's grave.

On October 19, 1984, a Mrs Madon, wife of the first defendant, died and was buried on October 24, in the plot farthest to the left. The first defendant, Mr Madon, paid £200 and obtained a deed of grant which gave him exclusive burial rights in a form similar to the plaintiffs' deed of grant of 1976 save that the specified period was 50 years instead of 30 years.

In March 1976 the relevant part of the cemetery had been conveyed to Brookwood Park Ltd, the fourth defendant, which had the power to carry on a cemetery business.

On June 14, 1985 the three plaintiffs issued a writ making claims under four heads:

(i) a claim under section 48 of the Cemetery Clauses Act 1847 to exclusive rights in the two plots to the left of the father's grave which they claimed had been infringed by Mr Madon and by the third and fourth defendants. That claim was disputed by Mr Madon but not by the third and fourth defendants.

(ii) Alternatively, the plaintiffs claimed that the grant of exclusive burial rights had conferred upon them an interest in land which had been infringed. That claim was disputed by all three defendants.

(iii) The plaintiffs claimed against the third and fourth defendants damages for breach of duty under section 41 of the 1847 Act. That was not disputed.

(iv) The plaintiffs claimed damages for breach of contract against the third defendant – a claim which, similarly, was not disputed.

By a third-party notice, Mr Madon claimed indemnity against any liability to the plaintiffs and also damages for negligence and breach of contract against the fourth defendant.

It was agreed between the defendants that no distinction should be drawn between the third and fourth defendants and Mr Madon elected that any judgment to which he might be entitled should be given against the fourth defendant.

Before considering liability under the first two heads, his Lordship said that in the early years of the nineteenth century it had been quite common for companies to be incorporated by private Act of Parliament to provide cemeteries otherwise than in a churchyard.

The legal nature of a right of exclusive burial was by no means clear, as was shown by various references in *Bryan v Whistler* ((1828) 8 B & C 288) to "interest in land", "easement", "incorporeal hereditament" and "privilege". That case did not decide what was the legal nature of such a right, and it was against that background that the 1847 Act was enacted.

In none of the cases cited, which were decided after the passing of the Act, was the effect of section 48 in point. That section provided: "No body shall be buried in any place where the exclusive right of burial shall have been granted by the company except with the consent of the owner for the time being of such exclusive right of burial."

Mr Madon contended that on its true construction the 1847 Act cast duties upon the cemetery company alone; there could be no duty upon himself which could confer on the plaintiffs any claim for breach of statutory duty against him.

The plaintiffs relied upon *Cutler v Wandsworth Stadium Ltd* ([1949] AC 398, 407) where Lord Simonds said that if a statutory duty was prescribed but no remedy by way of penalty or otherwise was imposed, it could be assumed that a civil right of action accrued to the person who was damnified by the breach.

The Act contained no penalties for infringement of section 48. Accordingly unless the Act conferred on the owner of the exclusive right a cause of action, his right was nugatory.

His Lordship could not accept the suggestion that a cause of action against the cemetery company alone would be sufficient protection, or that the company's right to sue a third party in trespass would suffice.

The 1847 Act contemplated that the exclusive right might exist in perpetuity, and pass, by devolution or assignment, through a number of hands. It was equated with a right of property.

In principle such an owner could protect it by action against any infringer. Moreover, the facts of the present case showed that the cemetery company might, by its own acts, preclude itself from suing the third party.

Finally section 48 was in general terms: had it been intended that the duty should be cast on the cemetery company alone it could easily have been so stated.

Accordingly, the plaintiffs had a cause of action against Mr Madon, as well as against the other two defendants. The second head of claim was thus of academic interest only, and a point which it was unnecessary to deal with.

The defendants contended that the grant of exclusive burial rights conferred no rights over or control of the surface of the land, at least until a corpse was buried thereunder, and that they could not complain of the memorial which had been erected over Mrs Madon's grave on March 13, 1985, and which measured in excess of the 9ft by 4ft burial plot, or of the removal, on Mr Madon's instructions, of shrubs and roses planted by the plaintiffs.

Section 40 of the 1847 Act specifically authorized the cemetery company to sell "the right of placing any monument or gravestone in the cemetery", and it would be inconsistent with the grant as a whole if the cemetery company were to permit a memorial to a third party to be placed on the site over which it had granted exclusive rights of burial.

The plaintiff's rights had to include a right that no one else's memorial should be placed there and a right to prevent other acts such as planting cypress trees, turfing or fencing so as to extend beyond the grave site.

His Lordship having examined the facts, said that before the mother's death, the plaintiffs and their father and mother, had all agreed to purchase rights to a plot in which all five could, in due course, be buried side by side, with the necessary implication that each should be buried so as to face Mecca.

That was a custom observed by Turkish families of their class, and the agreement was designed among other things to confort their mother in the last few weeks of her life.

It was agreed then or later who should occupy which plots, and it was important to the plaintiffs that that plan should be carried out not only because of the custom but more significantly because of the promises given to their parents. The plaintiffs took it in turns to tend the plots by cutting the grass every three or four weeks.

On the evidence, his Lordship had no doubt that Mr Madon had knowledge of the plaintiffs' claims two weeks before the memorial to his wife was erected and that he took no steps to contact the plaintiffs or their solicitors.

There was no suggestion that he had sought advice on the validity or otherwise of their claims, nor did he instruct its erection to be delayed: instead he wrote to those erecting it, stating that it was imperative that it be erected before March 17 (the Iranian New Year). In those circumstances he took the risk that his view that the plaintiffs' claim was nothing to do with him might be wrong.

Mr Madon contended that he had not infringed the plaintiffs' rights because he had not caused or permitted his wife's body to be buried on the site in question, arguing that the site had been chosen by the cemetery company, and that he had no property in his wife's corpse or duty to bury her.

That contention ignored the fact that he had accepted the site offered, arranged through a friend for the interment, and had purported to purchase exclusive rights to the site.

Accordingly, all the defendants were jointly and severally liable for breach of duty, in respect both of the interment and of the erection of the memorial. Mr Madon alone was responsible for turfing, fencing and planting cypresses (carried out without permission from the cemetery company) and for removing the plaintiffs' plants.

Originally the plaintiffs' principal claim was for injunctive relief requiring that Mrs Madon's body should be exhumed and the memorial and other encroachments removed.

But by section 25 of the Burial Act 1857, exhumation would require a licence from the Home Secretary, whose discretion whether to grant one was absolute. Only in exceptional circumstances would the Home Secretary grant a licence without the consent of the deceased's nearest living relative.

It would not be right to order Mr Madon to apply for a licence. In granting any injunction the court would probably be acting in vain.

At the trial, while not abandoning their principle claim to such relief, the plaintiffs sought as their principle relief an order for the removal of the memorial to the left, so as to leave space for their own burial in due course in accordance with their family agreement.

The moving of the memorial sideways would enable two bodies to be buried between Mrs Madon's grave and that of the plaintiffs' father. His Lordship, would therefore make such an order.

As to the other infringements, the court would make a declaration, and give liberty to apply for an injunction if the need arose. As to damages the court would award £975 to represent the current cost of the site lost to the plaintiffs, and diminution in the value of the remaining four plots.

The plaintiffs had not acted unreasonably in failing to mitigate their damages by accepting offers made to them, which would have involved their releasing rights against Mr Madon, and which would not have mitigated the very special loss which they would suffer by not being able to implement their agreement with their parents.

As to damages for distress, it was readily foreseeable and within the contemplation of the parties that if the body of a third party were buried in a plot in relation to which the plaintiffs had exclusive rights it was probable that distress would be caused to the plaintiffs.

It was common ground that damages for anxiety and inconvenience due to involvement in litigation were not recoverable, but there was no doubt that the plaintiffs had suffered considerable distress on discovering the fact of Mrs Madon's burial, and the subsequent encroachments, quite apart from the anxiety caused by the action.

Damages under that head could not be quantified by any process of valuation, but in his Lordship's judgment justice would be done by an award of £750 for each plaintiff, totalling £2,250.

His Lordship also ordered that the fourth defendant should indemnify Mr Madon to the extent of half the £975, and 75 per cent of the £2,250. Mr Madon was not entitled to damages for distress against the fourth defendant.

Solicitors; Marsh Regan, Hampstead: Stocken & Lambert; Robbins Olivey, Woking.

Language of a contract may help to determine proper law of action

Seashell Shipping Corporation of Panama v Mutualidad de Seguros del Instituto Nacional de Industria

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Stocker
[Judgment July 27]

Where, on an application under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to set aside service of a writ out of the jurisdiction, the determination of the proper law would determine the outcome of the action and depended on the construction of documents in English, the court should determine the proper law on the material before it, provided that there was nothing in the factual matrix in which the documents fell to be construed which was in dispute and no evidence that the meaning of the documents was affected by oral communications or that the contract was partly oral.

Where English law was the proper law of the contract and there was a risk that a foreign court would, despite that, apply a rule of public policy which would deprive a party of relief which he would have received had English law been applied, it would be unjust to that party to prevent him from proceeding in England where the result of his bargain (that is, the express choice of English law) would be to produce success and to force him to proceed in a foreign court where the result would or might be that the other party escaped from the consequences of its bargain.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Seashell Shipping Corporation of Panama, from Mr Justice Leggatt who on March 21 had, on an application under Order 12, rule 8 by the defendant, Mutualidad de Seguros del Instituto Nacional de Industria, set aside a writ and its service out of the jurisdiction.

Mr Samuel Stamler, QC and Mr Steven Gee for the plaintiff; Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC and Mr Charles MacDonald for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the plaintiff was a Panamanian corporation and the defendant was a Spanish insurance company. It was common ground that if, as the plaintiff contended, its contract with the defendant was subject to English law its claim was sustainable but that if, as the defendant contended, the contract was subject to Spanish law its claim must fail.

The judge, in the exercise of his discretion had concluded that the case was not a proper one for service out of the jurisdiction within Order 11, rule 4(2), and the plaintiff therefore faced a formidable burden in seeking to reverse it.

The English court's jurisdiction to entertain the action stemmed exclusively from the fact that the putative proper law of the contract was English.

Wherever the case was heard, the determination of the proper law would be determinative of it, save that, if it were heard in Spain and the Spanish court decided that English law *prima facie* applied, the plaintiff might nevertheless fail to recover on the ground that it was contrary to Spanish public policy for it to do so.

The defendant had contended that the court was not entitled, on an application under Order 12, rule 8, to reach a firm conclusion on proper law or any other matter, since to do so would be to assume jurisdiction to decide a vital matter, when the court was concerned only to decide which court should decide such matters, and had relied on *Vitkovice Horni a Hutni Tezirstvo v Korner* ([1951] AC 869).

That case did not assist the defendant: it did no more than decide that a court was entitled, when considering whether a ground for service out in Order 11, rule 1 had been established, to act on being satisfied that there was a good arguable case and did not need to be satisfied to the standard of proof which would be required at trial. If, however, the proof did reach that standard there was nothing in *Vitkovice* which obliged the court to ignore that fact.

In the vast majority of cases the court should not attempt to do more than decide whether there was a good arguable case; it was in a wholly different position from that which prevailed when a court was dealing with an application for a stay on the basis of an exclusive jurisdiction clause, and observations in such cases that the court could and should determine a disputed matter did not avail the plaintiff.

In a case such as this the court, having decided (as it had) that there was a good arguable case that English law was the proper law, should then consider where a final decision on that issue might be tried most suitably for the interests of the parties and the ends of justice.

Where the decision depended on the construction of documents in one language and the rival courts were, on the one hand, courts whose native language was that of the documents and, on the other, courts whose native language was not that of the documents, it was clear that the matter might most suitably be tried in the former courts.

That implied no criticism of the alternative courts, but merely acknowledged reality. The true meaning of words in French could be better decided by French courts than by English courts.

It was to be presumed that it was in the interests of the parties and of the ends of justice that the true meaning should be ascertained and thus that the true meaning should be ascertained by the courts whose native language was that of the document.

That was not to say that in all or even the overwhelming majority of cases under Order 11, rule 1 and Order 12, rule 8, where the ground relied on was that the contract was governed by English law and the documents were in English, the English court should determine the question of proper law or direct an issue to be tried; it would be quite inappropriate to do so.

Where, however, the determination of proper law would determine the action and depended on the construction of documents in English, and there was nothing in the factual matrix which was in dispute and no evidence that the meaning of the documents was affected by oral communications or that the contract was partly oral, the English court should, on an Order 12, rule 8 application, determine the issue on the material before it.

All those conditions were satisfied in the present case. Such a determination was not final but was merely a decision which the court took into account when deciding that which was its function to decide, namely, where for the interest of the parties and the ends of justice the action should be tried.

In *Amin Rasheed Shipping Corporation v Kuwait Insurance Co* ([1983] Lloyd's Rep 365, 375) Lord Wilberforce had observed that in reaching that decision the court had to take into account the nature of the dispute and the legal and practical issues involved.

In substance the only issue in the present case was whether the parties had expressly chosen Spanish law or English law, and since that issue depended on the construction of English documents it could most suitably be determined here.

There was only one other consideration which could affect the matter, namely, the risk that, if the issue went to Spain for determination, there was a risk that whatever the true intent of the parties the plaintiff would be held disentitled to recover on the ground of public policy.

In *Coast Lines Ltd v Hudig & Veder NV* ([1971] 2 Lloyd's Rep 390, 395-6; [1972] 2 QB 34, 43-4, 49), where, if the issue had been determined in Holland, a mandatory requirement of Dutch law would have prevented the plaintiff recovering even if the proper law had been held to be English law, the fact of that mandatory requirement had caused the court, on an application under Order 12, rule 8, to order the case to be tried in the English courts.

In the present case there was no such mandatory requirement of Spanish law; there was at most a risk. However, the theme running through the judgments in *Coast Lines* had been that the parties should be held to their bargain.

His Lordship unhesitatingly concluded that the plaintiff should be allowed to proceed in the English court. The only counter to the clear suitability of England as the forum to determine the proper law was that the defendant would be deprived of the possibility of escaping from the results of its express choice of law.

It would be unjust to the plaintiff to deprive it from proceeding in courts where the result of its bargain would be to produce success and to force it to proceed in courts where the result would or might be that the defendant escaped from its bargain.

The judge had erred in not taking into account the fact that the real issue between the parties was that of the proper law, the determination of which was clearly more suitably to be tried in England (which would result in the parties being held to their bargain, whichever way it was decided), whereas a determination by a Spanish court would be less suitable than trial in England and might result in the defendant not being held to its bargain.

If the judge had taken those matters into account, then his conclusion was plainly wrong.

Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Holman, Fenwick & Willan; Ingledew Brown Bennison and Garrett.

Lenient construction in arbitration

Home and Overseas Insurance Co Ltd v Mentor Insurance Co (UK) Ltd (in liquidation)

An "honourable engagement" clause entitled the arbitrators to view matters of construction more leniently and with regard more generally to commercial considerations than would be permissible in a court of law.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 28 when granting a stay of action to the defendants, Mentor Insurance Co (UK) Ltd (now in voluntary liquidation) of the Order 14 summary judgment proceedings brought by the plaintiffs, Home and Overseas Insurance Co Ltd, which accordingly was dismissed.

The "honourable engagement" clause in the reinsurance agreement made between the parties read: "The arbitrators and the umpire shall interpret this reinsurance as an honourable engagement and they shall make their award with a view to effecting the general purpose of this reinsurance in a reasonable manner rather than in accordance with a literal interpretation of the language."

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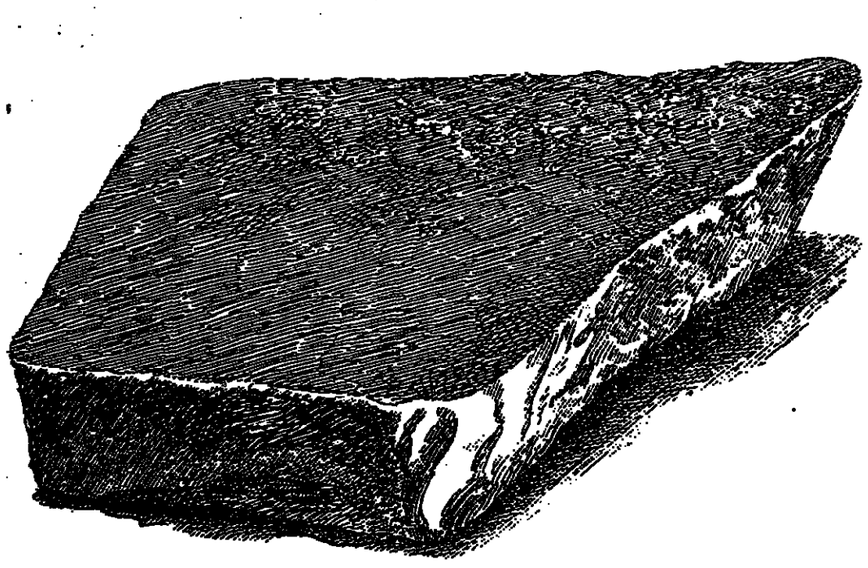
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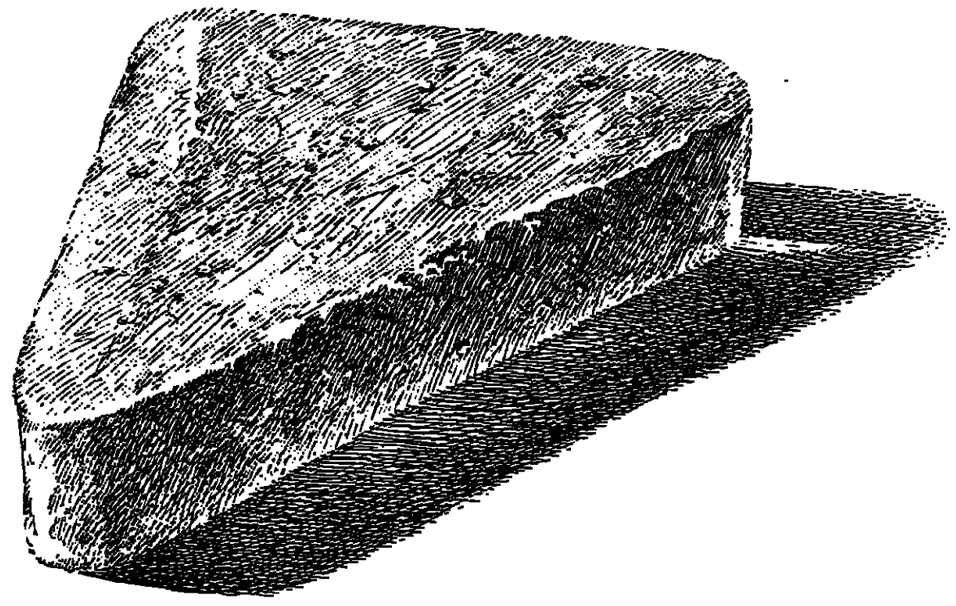
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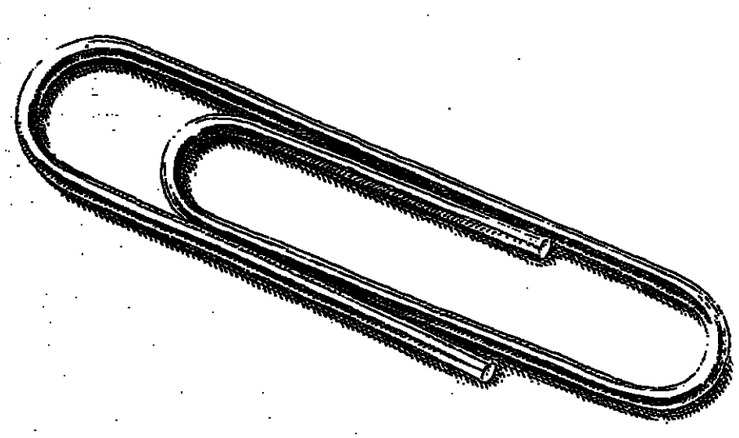
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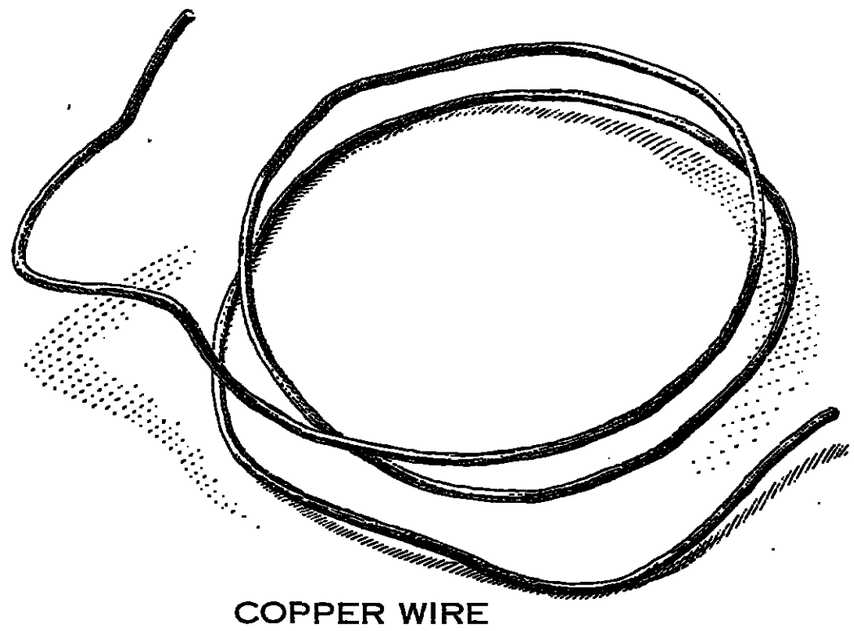
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The Tate's new head might lack the scholastic eminence of his predecessors — but the job could have been made for him

Portrait of the young director

MARK ELLIDGE



Made for the job at the Tate: Nicholas Serota with a work by Fernand Leger at a recent exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery

THE TIMES PROFILE

NICHOLAS SEROTA

The job may make the man, but the institution still makes the job. This is as true in the high reaches of the British art establishment as it is anywhere else in senior public administration. Once the man has got the job he might in due course recreate it in his own image, to the point of redefining the very terms of the post for which he applied.

We shall find out in the course of the next seven years whether this is the case with young Nicholas Serota and the directorship of the Tate Gallery. Job and man conjoin on September 1, and all the signs are that the one, as framed by the Civil Service Commission with rigorous specificity in its Press advertising last year, was made with the other in mind.

What the commission wanted and what the gallery craved at a critical point in its eccentric history was someone with not only a "deep and scholarly knowledge" of contemporary art, but also the flair to embark on "an important building project and major fund-raising activities".

What they have got is the 41-year-old son of Lady Serota, in whose long habitation of great-and-good committees can be found a germ of his own desiderata. He comes wreathed in repute, both commercial and critical, from 12 years as director of the Whitechapel Art Gallery in east London, where he developed the same policy of committed internationalism that had already been in evidence during his days as an exceptionally young head of Oxford's Museum of Modern Art.

Serota seldom has the appearance of enjoying his work, although he is patently consumed by it. His is a dedication which at times can run to the point of mirthlessness, an impression not dispelled by such badges of ascetism as the thin lips and rimless glasses. A hint of the *gauleiter* prompted one ill-wisher to dub him "Himmler's Nephew", but this has not stuck. His gallery was also once labelled a "joy-free zone", but this was in the context of a recent Epstein exhibition in which the critic sensed a fearful quarrel between the natural exuberance of the works and the constraining solemnity of their presentation.

He is something of a paradox. On the one hand he is sufficiently young and without the usual corpus of published works to his name to raise eyebrows in the art world with the implied question, "But what has he done?" Certainly he cannot match the scholastic eminence enjoyed by his last three predecessors at the time of their appointment — Sir John Rothenstein (1938-64), Sir Norman Reid (1964-79) and Sir Alan Bowness (1980), the last of whom is well remembered by the 1970s generation of Courtauld Institute students for his vibrant lectures on the post-Impressionists.

On the other hand, closer students of the Tate succession were so convinced of his suitability for the job that the surprise would have been if he had been passed over by the gallery's board. And this despite the presence on the shortlist of Norman Rosenthal, exhibition organizer at the Royal Academy, Julian Spalding, director of Manchester City Art Galleries, and John Elderfield, director of prints and drawings at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

In one respect, Serota has always been the Tate's sort of man: during his 11 years in the East End, his shopping list of modern painters has been remarkably similar to the Tate's own. Furthermore, he has formidably good connections, partly through background, partly through his close proximity to the City and partly through the simple fact of being on good terms with the elders of his peer group, including both Rosenthal and Bowness themselves. His wife Angela, with whom he has two daughters, is on the board of directors of the Ballet Rambert, and used to dance with the Royal Ballet.

His appointment to the Tate obviously removes the greyness from his eminence as no other appointment could; yet during the latter part of the Whitechapel years some critics and connoisseurs believed so firmly that he had come to preside over an international coterie of art dealers and like-minded young curators that they began to speak of Nick Serota's Private Dining Club. Go behind the scenes at the influential exhibitions in Europe and the United States, they said, then look at who is to be seen at the Whitechapel, and the same names crop up again and again.

Shortly after the announcement of his appointment last November, in a nice re-pointing of conventional economic wisdom, Serota said: "In my experience, money follows energy." It certainly did so at the Whitechapel, where he managed to raise £1.7 million for a widely praised extension to the gallery, and it will need to continue its pursuit if his dreams of "a post-1960 collection as good as any in the world" are to be realized.

For the Tate is in sore need of money, a running crisis best illustrated by its struggle — a successful one, in the end — to purchase one of the last privately-owned Constable paintings, "The Opening of Waterloo Bridge", for just under £3 million last year. The Tate had to scrape the last of the asking price together, thousands here and thousands there, from whatever sources it could find, private or public — the National Art Collectors' Fund, the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the Clore Foundation, the Friends of the Tate Gallery, and others.

The total value of the Tate's 2,060 paintings and 1,060 sculptures in the modern international collection, and its 1,880 paintings and 110 sculptures in the British one, is undisclosed. What is starkly documented in the gallery's financial projections, however, is that the entire purchase grant for the present financial year is only £1.8 million, less than the cost of that single Constable, and will remain unaltered for a further two years. This means that it is actually lower by £73,000 than it was in 1980/81.

If this job is to make the man, the man must make the money, for the Tate intends to expand during the next 10 years to a size that will increase its area to nearly twice what it was in 1979. Estimated cost: £34 million.

Already the Clore Gallery, housing the Turner Bequest, is in place, as is the most northerly part of his realm, the gallery's new premises, the Tate of the North at Liverpool's docks. The next stages, using the adjacent site of the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, will be a museum of 20th century art, another for sculpture, and a third for new art, eventually allowing the main building to be released for an historical British collection.

That is the prospect over which Serota is about to preside, with his staff of more than 400 and his salary of £34,000, rising annually in Civil Service increments to £35,500 and £37,000. On past form Serota will be tough rather than tyrannical. Dictatorial behaviour, or anything that smacks too strongly of the non-democratic, would go against his lurking liberal convictions. Artistically he will innovate, if for no other reason than that the habit for doing so with commercial success has now become so engrained in him.

It is now 14 years since he staged the first exhibition of Joseph Beuys drawings in Oxford, and he is not about to become intimidated by a new Schnabel or a Kiefer. If someone points him in the direction of a a pile of bricks, however, he will probably find himself evaluating it less for its aesthetic merit than for its building potential.

Alan Franks

BIOGRAPHY

1946: Born, April 27. Educated Haberdashers' Askes School, Hampstead and Elstree. Christ's College, Cambridge (BA). Courtauld Institute of Art, London (MA).
1970: Arts Council's Regional Art Officer and Exhibition Organizer (until 1973).
1973: Married Angela Mary Beveridge (two daughters). Became Director, Oxford Museum of Modern Art (until 1976).
1976: Director, Whitechapel Art Gallery. Member of British Council's Fine Arts Advisory Committee.
1983: Trustee, Public Art Development Trust.
1988: Director, Tate Gallery.

Two faces of the killer pest that plagued the world

SCIENCE REPORT

The plague epidemics that have punctuated human history may be caused by just two very small genetic mutations in bacteria as they evolve in response to the changing populations of their human hosts.

The plague first appeared in Europe in the 6th century, but the first well-documented epidemic was the "Black Death" of 1347-51, in which one in four Europeans perished — a total of 25 million people, according to some estimates. The initially harmless bacteria harboured in rats turned deadly, killing both rats and humans before vanishing. This virulent form is believed to have originated in Central Asia, transported via the Black Sea to Europe by Genoese merchantmen.

The Great Plague of 1664-5 was the next sudden epidemic, killing millions of people all over Europe before disappearing just as quickly. Its sudden disappearance from London may not have been a result of the Great Fire of 1666, as commonly believed. The third and last major epidemic started in China in 1855 and by 1922 was claiming lives worldwide. Working in the thick of plague-stricken Hong Kong in 1894, when 100,000 citizens of nearby Canton died, the Swiss bacteriologist Alexandre Yersin isolated the plague bacterium. His discovery lives on in the organism's scientific name, *Yersinia pestis*.

Hans Wolf-Watz, of the University of Umea in Sweden, and his colleagues Roland Rosqvist and Mikael Skurnik, report in *Nature* this week a genetic explanation of the plague cycle. In their work with *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis*, a bacterium which is different from the plague bacterium only in that it is less virulent, they found that by making two small genetic mutations the bacteria became a 100 times more virulent. These mutations occur naturally in the virulent plague bacteria. The mutant genes cannot make two different proteins which normally allow *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* bacteria to infect cells. In the absence of these proteins, the bacteria become much more potent killers through other, as yet unknown, means.

But mutations alone cannot drive an epidemic. Richard Lenski of the University of California, writing in this week's *Nature*, describes the influence of evolutionary changes on the plague cycle. Whether a bacterium is virulent or not reflects the need to maximize its rate of transmission while not killing too many of its hosts, because killing the host can also spell death for the bacterium.

In crowded cities, natural selection favours virulent strains of the disease because it spreads so easily that the loss to the bacterial population when infected people die is negligible. This high-risk strategy pays dividends in densely populated areas and was especially effective in the unhygienic conditions of medieval cities and trading ports, when people lived in close proximity with plague-carrying rats.

However, virulence does not further bacterial progress in sparsely-populated areas because the bacteria die with their victims. In these conditions natural selection favours bacteria that spread slowly.

If, as the new research shows, all that separates virulence and non-virulence is a simple mutation, the bacteria can adapt to the behaviour of their hosts very flexibly.

This might explain why plagues appear in dense groups of people, exploiting human migrations along trade routes or in times of war, and then subside very quickly when their work is done. But the bacteria do not disappear; they mutate back into their former non-virulent form and simply slip quietly into the shadows to await their next pestilent opportunity.

Henry Gee

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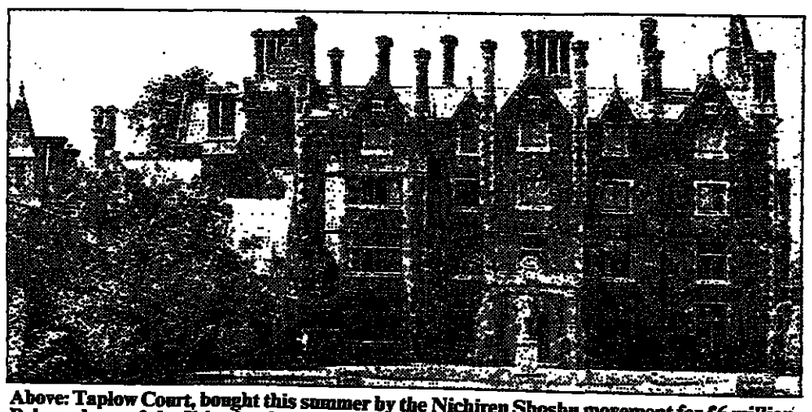
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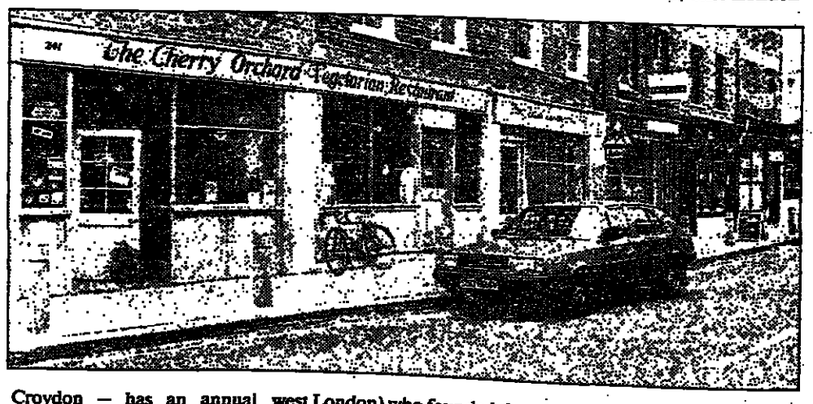
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Donations can help meditation

A Buddhist group has bought a mansion for £6 million. Where does the money come from?



Above: Taplow Court, bought this summer by the Nichiren Shoshu movement for £6 million. Below, shops of the Friends of the Western Buddhists Order in Globe Road, east London



The Buddhist order which has just paid £6 million for a country mansion in Buckinghamshire has the highest profile of the hundreds of Buddhist movements in Britain. With members like singers Tina Turner and Sandie Shaw, designer Jeff Banks, actor Patrick Duffy and Lynne Franks (whose public relations organization was sold recently for £2.6 million), the Nichiren Shoshu movement tends to be frowned upon by its less affluent counterparts.

While many of the other movements rely on donations, Nichiren Shoshu was able to call upon its parent order in Japan (which has some 15 million members) to lend it the money to buy Taplow Court from Plessey, plus another £2 million to restore the Tudor mansion.

By comparison, the London branch of the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order, with perhaps 4,500 members, and 20 centres around the country, operates from a converted fire station in Bethnal Green, in London's East End.

The attraction of Nichiren Shoshu — compared by one expert, in its original form, to a mixture of Christian Fundamentalism and Jehovah's Witnesses — seems to be the few demands it makes upon its followers. In the words of its general director, Richard Causten, aged 68, a former tobacco company managing director: "It is not a retreating form of Buddhism. It is practical in the sense that you don't have to eat or dress in a particular way or have to meditate in a particular place. You can fit it into your everyday life."

In Britain, it depends on donations from its members and income from its monthly magazine (a pound a copy) and its various publications. Its net income last year was £233,000, of which half was donated. Its previous headquarters in Blackheath, south-east London, was valued at just over £1.4 million pounds.

The Friends of the Western Buddhists Order which, like Nichiren Shoshu is a registered charity, runs a variety of "ethically-sound" businesses. The London branch alone has two vegetarian restaurants, a health food shop, a gift shop, a typesetting business, an architectural practice, a book shop and a cooperative building business.

One of the restaurants — in Croydon — has an annual turnover of half a million pounds, of which £70,000 is profit. There is also an import-export business which includes Harrods among its customers. The London branch's annual turnover for last year was £126,000 and its assets of £370,518 included freehold buildings to the value of £258,626.

Since Buddhism is based upon a non-materialistic approach to life, the open encouragement of donations is frowned upon. According to the Venerable Sangha Rakshita (born Dennis Lingwood of Tooting, south-west London) who founded the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order 21 years ago this year, "nearly all the other groups rely upon charity but from the very beginning, I felt we should try to be self-supporting."

In order to deter their famous members from giving without suitable consideration, Nichiren Shoshu accepts donations only on certain days of the year. "One of the fundamental beliefs of Buddhism is the existence of the law of cause and effect," Causten says. "So while a spontaneous gift will have a beneficial effect on the giver's life, a donation given resentfully or through duty will not."

Once Taplow Court has had its facelift, the movement hopes that it will be self-supporting as an international cultural centre. Traditional Buddhists, however, feel that Nichiren Shoshu promises too much, too soon. "Most people don't like to have to work too hard," says Stephen Hodge, a lecturer at the London Buddhist Society, "but there are no instant results in spiritual matters."

Sally Brompton

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Sickness in the bricks

If you feel ill perhaps your office needs a doctor. Victoria McKee reports

The contemporary office block looks light-years away from the dark, satanic mills of the past, but its effect on the health of those who work within it may be as insidious. Sick Building Syndrome is an ailment of the 1980s, though many would argue that it is all in the mind.

But to sufferers and their companies the symptoms are all too real: sore throats, headaches, stuffy noses and a debilitating lethargy that gets worse towards the end of the day. Absenteeism is rife, morale low and productivity stunted. SBS, its sufferers allege, is costing Britain millions of pounds a day.

Edwina Currie, it is rumoured, could not wait to retreat to Whitehall from the Department of Health's "sick" headquarters in Elephant & Castle. Admits a Health Department mole: "It was too hot in summer, too cold in winter, we always felt dreadful and all of us were desperate to get out."

"That's a pretty ghastly building. I continually get reports about it," says Sheena Wilson, founder of the Building Use Studies consultancy and author of a two-part *Office Environment Study* and *Premises of Excellence* (£35). "So was the Public Record Building."

The air conditioning system was blamed when the Public Record Office at Kew was closed for 10 weeks in 1984. Staff working in the £7 million building, opened in 1977, had complained of an influenza-like illness. After £100,000 was spend on disinfecting the air conditioning, the Health and Safety Executive certified the building safe for use.

Wilson has surveyed some 4,500 office workers across a random cross-section of buildings to see whether SBS was more than a malingerer's excuse. Her diagnosis is a warning for British businesses.

"It's a phenomenon of 20th-century office blocks with sealed skins and mechanical services," she asserts. "Hermetically sealed buildings of glass and concrete aren't porous like traditional building materials."

That, she says, coupled with often unserviced, old air-conditioning systems, computer screens, flickering fluorescent lights, omnipresent office chemicals (from photocopying liquid to correction fluid), the dust that settles in carpets and soft furnishings and the germs which stagnate in the closed environment, can cause a plague of staff infection.

"One person catches a cold and everyone goes down like ninepins," Wilson says. The worst, she claims, are buildings outside London. In the capital, high rents lead to higher standards.

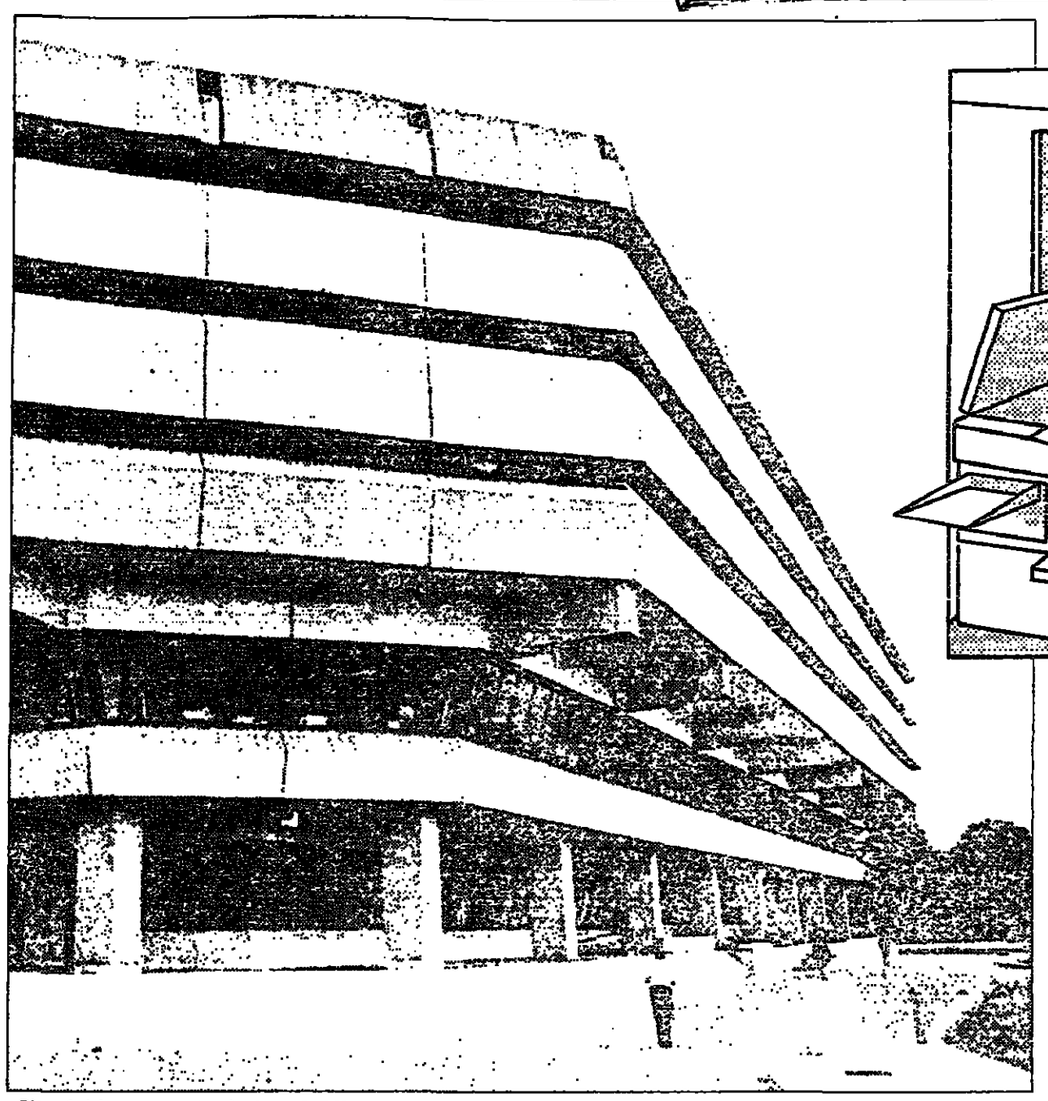
Air-conditioning is considered the major culprit, whether it serves to spread Legionnaire's Disease (as at Broadcasting House recently) or less unusual complaints. "Miles of pipes can fill up with gunge, while dust builds up in little mountains and is blown into the office in gusts," Wilson says.

She blames the original design of most systems and "ventilations rules which were established in the 1950s, based on body odour".

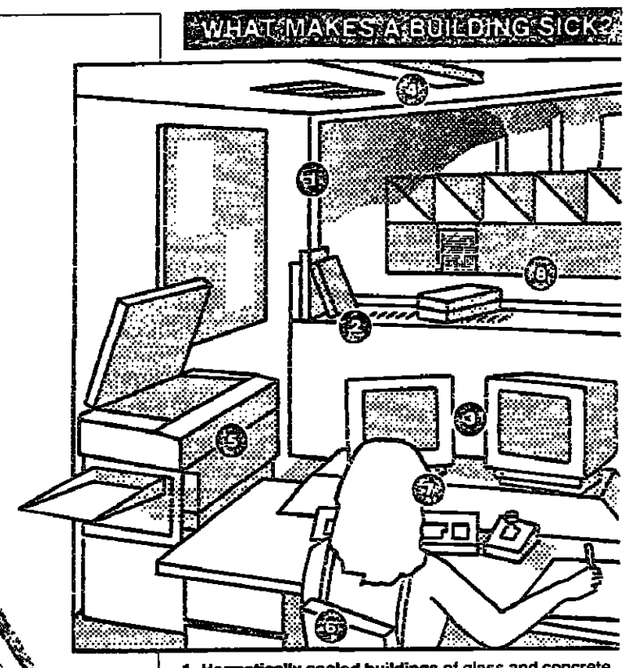
Wilson this week attended a conference on Legionnaire's Disease at the London School of Hygiene, where she was "amazed to discover how similar its causes seem to be to those of SBS".

Dr Colin Purnell, senior lecturer in occupational hygiene at the London School of Hygiene, says that SBS is caused almost exclusively by poor ventilation and improper maintenance of ventilation systems. He feels Legionnaire's Disease can be easily controlled by proper design and maintenance, but "SBS is more complicated because it is a result of a number of inter-related problems including management attitudes.

"The potential problem from certain types of photocopying machines lies in the ozone they give off which — if they are in a poorly ventilated area, and without charcoal "scrubber" units to convert it — can build up and cause headaches."



Site of sickness: the Public Record Office at Kew, closed for 10 weeks in 1984; inset, some of the alleged causes of SBS



1. **Hermetically sealed buildings** of glass and concrete reduce the occupants' necessary sense of contact with the outside and can result in depression
2. **Unserviced, archaic air-conditioning systems,** implicated in poor ventilation and build-up of internal pollution
3. **Positioning of computer screens,** ideally with a window to the left, never in front of or behind the screen, which should be flat and preferably in black and white
4. **Flickering fluorescent lights.** Halogen and fluorescen fade and flicker so that light may decrease gradually to levels which will induce eyestrain leading to headaches and tiredness
5. **Chemicals** from office equipment, modern building materials and furniture. Experts suggest that amount of chemicals in the office atmosphere are increasing and that ventilation rates should be similarly increased
6. **Carpets and soft furnishings** trap dust and possibly act as a breeding ground for micro-organisms
7. **Human germs** can stagnate or circulate in a closed environment, and some air-conditioning can distribute infections when present
8. **Strongly tinted glass** can decrease natural light and distort "outside awareness" (see 1)

Wilson believes it is important to differentiate between the SBS in buildings dating from the 1960s and 1970s, and those built in the 1980s. "New building syndrome comes from the high 'fleece index' soft furnishings and from the chemicals and dirt from the building process that don't get out of the system.

"One company had a sophisticated lighting system and some people were literally sitting in darkness because the life of the lamp had been so greatly exceeded." Halogen and fluorescent lights, she explains, "fade and flicker. The managing director was complaining of headaches; his office had such strong tinted glass that only 17 per cent of natural light came through."

Her blueprint for a healthy building includes: windows that are able to ventilate and let in natural light; high ceilings to help combat heat build-up; well-diffused artificial light; reliance on fresh air or simple mechanical (ducted) ventilation; and ergonomically designed VDU screens to reduce glare.

Mick Humphrey, sales manager for OzonAir, air-conditioning suppliers to the Houses of Parliament, the NatWest Tower and the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, stresses that "absolute filters" *are* available — at £300 a piece — and in use in operating theatres, computer clean rooms and nuclear power stations.

"But they're considered too expensive for normal office use, when you can pay £5 for a panel filter." He condemns companies often willing to lash out "a quarter of a million pounds on an air-handling unit and then not maintain it".

Rentokil — called in to tackle the BBC's infected cooling towers and disinfect some ductwork at the Great Ormond Street Hospital — confirms business is booming in environmental services.

Dave Butcher, chairman and founder of the Association of Facility Managers, is head of Premises Operation for BBC television. "I wasn't responsible for Portland Place," he hastens to assure — but he did have to deal with asbestos in the White City studios a few months ago. "I hate the term SBS," he says. "Problems can come from a sheer lack of motivation in the workforce — redundancy threats, low morale for other reasons. A lot of modern, air-conditioned buildings have no sickness at all."

But Butcher is pleased about what he calls "heightened awareness of the building as an environment". "Facilities management should be handled by a professional. So far people have just bumbled in from different areas of experience, but we're working with Strathclyde University to provide degree-level courses, and we run conferences and seminars." A good facilities manager, he feels, "can save a company a good deal of sick pay".

Wilson cites the IBM South Bank marketing centre as an example of a thrivingly healthy building with good ventilation, carefully designed space.

Designed by Sir Denys Lasdun and opened in 1983, it has sunscreen blinds, carefully maintained air conditioning with a 20 per cent fresh air content and regular checks by independent analysts, lighting tubes changed every two years and ergonomically designed chairs for all its thousand-plus staff.

Dr Bill Wolverton, who works for America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration and is currently researching how houseplants "can create a complete closed ecological life support system for a space system", has produced some short-term spin-offs already being hailed as an antidote to SBS in the US.

Plants, he discovered, keep the environment healthier by absorbing toxic substances in the air. The green spider plant has proved most effective at getting rid of carbon monoxide, the philodendron at absorbing formaldehyde — from particle board panelling and carpet backing and which is said to cause allergic, flu-like reactions — and species of daisy and chrysanthemum counteract benzene from office solvents and some types of felt-tip pen.

Curiously, he notes that one of the "sickest" buildings in the US is the Environmental Protection Agency's headquarters in Washington, DC. Wilson has sent the American EPA a copy of her report. But she is not convinced of the efficacy of plants in combatting SBS: "I've seen a lot of offices with sick plants in them."

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A safe pair of gloves

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The late Lord Moynihan, grandfather of Colin, Minister of Sport, and Antony, the bongo drum playing peer who has been named in connection with the Howard Marks drugs scandal, has been credited in recent profiles with popularizing the use of surgical gloves. His role may have been exaggerated, because they were introduced in the 1880s and were well established by 1910. The gloves have saved many a stormy, infected convalescence, and hence countless lives, but their use is not without problems. Protection is two-way: doctors can also examine patients without fearing that the weekend's scratch from pruning roses might serve as the portal entry for a lethal streptococcus or HIV.



At work: gloves on

In order that a close fitting glove which allows maximum sensitivity can be easily slipped on, they have to be lubricated on the inside; initially talc powder was used until research showed that tiny talc particles scattered in the wound occasionally caused a severe inflammatory tissue reaction which could lead to the formation of granulomas (a benign tumour) or peritonitis with later adhesions. In the late 1940s starch, with small absorbable grains was substituted for the talc with improved results but even so, statistics from New York's Mayo Clinic show that approximately one in a thousand patients who have had abdominal surgery suffer a reaction from starch from the surgeon's glove, or dropped into the wound from the sleeves of his gown.

Five years ago two American cousins, an engineer and an eye surgeon, developed as a spin-off from their research on contact leases a starch-free lubricated glove. The patent of the process was sold to a British company. Their introduction should have seen the end of the potentially lethal tissue reaction to starch, but it has not; only 35 per cent of surgeons use them, the others remain faithful to the starch-dusted gloves, either because the hospital authorities are unwilling to pay the small extra cost involved, or because the surgeon has grown accustomed to their feel.

Guzzling to slim



Envious slimmers were intrigued and mystified by reports that acting Hannah sisters Darryl (of *Wall Street* and *Roxanne* fame) and Page (*Shag*) grew thinner and thinner the more they ate. Apparently their decline was halted only by the consumption of large quantities of bananas supplemented by other potassium-rich foods. To older doctors it was reminiscent of the war years, when children with coeliac disease, gluten enteropathy, were given almost unobtainable bananas so that while their contemporaries made do with dried egg and Woolton pie, coeliacs guzzled bananas and cream. Coeliac disease is a hereditary, chronic malabsorbtion disorder resulting from an intolerance of the wheat protein gluten. It is noteworthy that Hannah is an Irish name, for the disorder is 15 times more common among the Irish than it is, for instance, among Americans. Children with coeliac disease fail to thrive, have chronic diarrhoea and other associated abdominal symptoms. These symptoms often fade in adolescence, only to reappear some time after the age of 25. Adult coeliac disease manifests itself with the same intestinal symptoms, weight loss and fluid retention; special tests would show a low blood potassium and a characteristic change in the lining of the small intestine. If a patient with undiagnosed coeliac disease, in an attempt to put on weight, ate large quantities of food containing wheat flour their symptoms would worsen and weight would be lost. If coeliac disease is the cause of the sisters' trouble they should not despair. A large variety of food prepared without wheat flour is now available; the days when it was bananas or starve went out with the Marshall Plan.

In a lather



Doctors have long been aware that it is possible to culture bacteria from a contaminated bar of soap. Many take the precaution of washing the soap before they wash their hands, particularly if the colleague ahead of them has been carrying out some intimate examination or procedure, or even if the person before them in the hotel cloakroom queue looks particularly unhealthy. The British Medical Journal *carries the good news that a recent report in the* Journal of Epidemiology and Infection *of a research project, carried out with volunteers has shown that any organisms found on the soap are not transferred to people later washing their hands with it; even if the soap had been artificially inoculated with a heavy growth of bacteria. Shared soap is therefore safe.*

Needle fears

aids

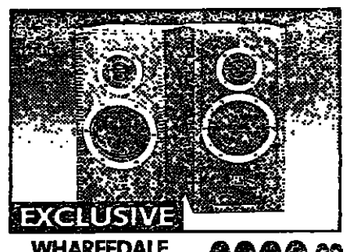
The London Hospital's Whitechapel clinic, one of the busiest centres in the capital for treating sexually transmitted diseases, recently opened an extension which will provide, among its other facilities, the greater space needed for consultations with HIV positive patients. The extension, paid for by private donations and named after Graham Hayton, one of the founders of the self-help group Frontliners, is likely to be well patronized. Quite apart from the increasing numbers of HIV positive patients in the community as a whole, a recent anonymous testing of people attending the drug dependency unit at the London Hospital showed that 11 per cent were positive. Dr Edward Baracat, the doctor in the drugs unit, is worried that although a needle exchange scheme (whereby drug abusers trade in dirty needles for clean ones) has been approved in principle, money has not been made available for the scheme, one of the few ways that the spread of Aids can be slowed. Baracat is particularly alarmed that the authorities seem unaware that the habit of injecting drugs is spreading; no longer is it just heroin, but now also temazepam, snowball (a mixture of cocaine and heroin), cocaine and amphetamines. Whatever the drug used, a dirty shared needle may harbour HIV.

Ladies in weighting

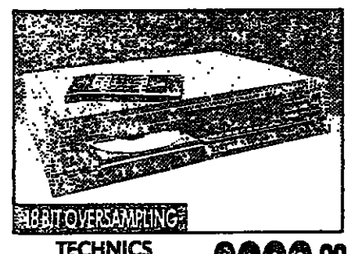


It would not be in Mr Anthony Kenney's style to have appeared alarmed when the pregnant Duchess of York travelled to America or hurtled down the ski slopes, but it is likely that his feelings were more of resignation to the inevitability of these expeditions than of approval. His anxieties would have been concentrated on the possibility of miscarriage or premature delivery, complications more likely in a patient who has had troubles in conceiving. A possible, less important, sequel of this activity may be a slightly smaller baby than usual for the Royal Family, or indeed for *Debrett's* entrants in general. The average weight of full-term babies bears a statistical relationship to the social class of the mother, and the new princess's weight, 6lb 12oz, is even fractionally below the national average of about 7¼lb. Although a mother's diet is a factor determining the weight of the baby, of greater importance is thought to be the opportunity higher income groups have of taking plenty of rest; for while resting, the placental circulation improves and with it the baby's supply of oxygen and other nourishment. The Yorks's baby will soon catch up the missing ounces, which are unlikely to worry anybody, let alone the unflappable Mr Kenney.

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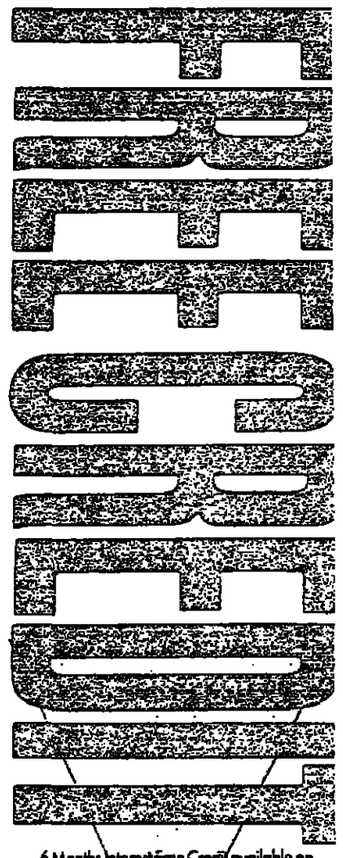


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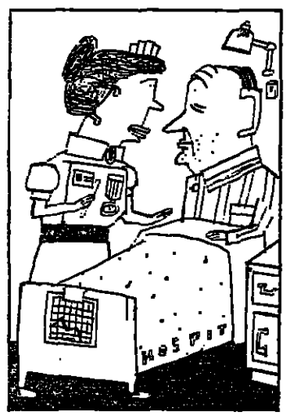
SHERIDAN MORLEY

Home from the *Punch* office for a few days trying to finish a long-overdue biography of James Mason, and miserably failing to challenge Sir Clement Freud's record of 35,000 words a week, as recently claimed by the old speedster in this space, I find myself lurching blearily away from the desk at night to watch television. This is something I seldom get to see during the week: indeed one of the many joys of being a drama critic these last two decades has been a total unfamiliarity with everything from *Coronation Street* to *Brookside* by way of *Crossroads* and *Neighbours* and all known forms of sport, not to mention Esther Rantzen. Coming home late at night from theatres, I usually take my news from the Teletext captions and find it somewhat disconcerting to have it read aloud to me by Sir Alastair Burnet and a series of ladies I have only just begun to tell apart. What really worries me about Burnet is that when I used to write ITN bulletins for him in the early 1960s he was vastly older than me, and he now seems to be looking a lot younger.

But apart from the news, and the appalling discovery that my 12-year-old daughter can now find Australian soap-operas on the air before I've even made breakfast, there seems to be a quite remarkable absence of anything on TV that you could actually watch. Back in the mid-Sixties, after I had left Sir Alastair and gone with Joan Bakewell to BBC2 for *Late Night Line Up*, a long-lost television arts programme which has happily now acquired a kind of nostalgia rating, we managed to find every night, even on August bank holiday weekends, at least one programme worth a major panel discussion; and that was with only three networks, none of which started much before evening. What would we be discussing now, except the David Mercer plays we discussed then?

Mrs Thatcher's recent and unhappy experiences in Australian television studios and shopping precincts remind me that back in June, in this column, I noted with some amazement how difficult it is for a British citizen to get into a country I had vaguely still thought of as ours. Even for a holiday the Australians seem to require visas unheard of now in most of Europe or America if you have a British passport. That diary entry produced some of the most violent correspondence I have ever received, even as a drama critic, either from irate Britons announcing that Australians are lucky to have us going out there at all and should certainly not demand paperwork, or else from equally irate Australians pointing out that we impose passport and import restrictions on them while being apparently far more open to such foreigners as our Common Market neighbours. One lady wrote to me from New Zealand to say that it was all to do with lamb quotas, and the English were soon unlikely to be allowed into Auckland at all.

BARRY FANTONI



'Bad news, I'm afraid. My pay rise has had a relapse'

Having cherished since about 1950 a deep religious horror of all technological innovations, largely because I was the only boy in my prep-school class who could never work the cartridges that some idiot invented to replace perfectly good bottles of ink for filling fountain pens, I have viewed with increasing alarm the ghastly march of word-processors across the offices of all my friends and even into some of their private homes, where those useless screens never seem to show any programmes remotely worth watching.

I have therefore gone from a typewriter to a felt-tip pen, in the hope that if enough people follow suit we might get back to sensible arrangements like quills and adding things up on the back of envelopes. Though I do have to acknowledge some post-war inventions for which I have a sneaking regard. One is the video recorder, without which one could not have nearly so many family rows about what not to watch, as there would be a vastly reduced choice.

Another is the Fax machine, which means that really boring information can now be transmitted instantaneously across the world, whereas in the old days you had to wait weeks for it. I have only just discovered to my amazement that a Fax will take handwriting: I thought you had to type everything out before sticking the paper into that amazing little box thing, but my Australian brother, never one to waste energy, just scrawls notes in his own hand and they are as unreadable when they arrive instantly here as when he wrote them there. Truly, technology is a wonderful thing.

While my younger daughter remains transfixed by the Australian soaps, my elder daughter has been EuroRailing her way around the continent for a month on one of those tickets that give you fifteen countries with about two nights in each. I should I suppose be no longer amazed that at 18, she can get from Victoria Station to Greece by way of Amsterdam and Yugoslavia equipped with nothing more than a rucksack and my American Express card (only to be used in dire emergencies), and three strong schoolfriends for fending off unwanted attentions. Indeed, so far from worrying about her safety, the most I can manage is a faint embarrassment when remembering that, at the same age thirty summers ago, I thought a weekend at the Edinburgh festival the height of adult daring and independence.

Eduard Goldstücker says the Prague Spring flowers again

Vindicated — 20 years on

Developments in the Soviet Union since the death of Brezhnev, and especially since the advent of Gorbachov's *perestroika*, shed a new light on what has become known as the Prague Spring.

Twenty years later, the Prague Spring has been historically vindicated: the power responsible for its brutal termination on August 21, 1968, has come to recognize that the only viable way out of its own crisis lies in the very direction pioneered 20 years ago by Czechoslovakia.

In recent months both Prague and Moscow have tried, in official statements, to disparage the idea that there is any similarity between the Czechoslovak reform programme of 1968 and that being introduced in the Soviet Union today. The Prague leadership, which was installed by the occupying power to undo the Prague Spring and ensure that it never returned, has a vital interest in maintaining this fiction in order to preserve itself.

The Kremlin, which has so much to do at home and is anxious to prevent unrest along its borders, finds such pronouncements expedient, even though they fly in the face of reality, revive unpleasant memories of the past and cast doubt on the depth of *glasnost*. But however loud the insistence that the 1968 Dubcek programme of democratization and Gorbachov's *perestroika* are quite different, this does not alter the fact that they are two phases of a single historic process.

They are two attempts in the long, hard struggle to do away with the socio-political system established by Stalin and bury it forever without provoking internal — or external — upheavals of catastrophic proportions.

That struggle, which has ebbed and flowed and taken various forms, has accompanied almost the whole history of Bolshevik power.

Its objective has remained basically the same: to find a feasible transition from a command system to a participatory one. In other words, it has sought to devise, introduce and establish a democratic alternative to the present political order — in which society is governed like a military unit on constant alert. All attempts to find such an alternative in the Soviet Union were nipped in the bud or ruthlessly suppressed. The only official initiative in this direction before the 1980s was taken by Khrushchev. His limited de-Stalinization drive was sabotaged and subverted.

Nevertheless, sporadic attempts — each stronger than the last — were made in the European countries which had found themselves in the Soviet orbit after the Second World War. Each attempt constituted a rebellion against the Stalinist system, which was felt to be alien to the traditions of the people and unresponsive to their needs.

The Stalinist system had been imposed (in co-operation with the respective local communist leaderships) on all countries of the Soviet Bloc in order to strengthen Moscow's grip, although it had long outlived its usefulness and become an obstacle to progress in its country of origin. All manifestations of dissatisfaction, no matter how dissimilar they were in their specifics, had one thing in common: they arose from the people's demands for basic civil liberties, more individual and collective freedom, and more national autonomy.

The Prague Spring represented the most advanced stage of these sporadic outbreaks of dissatisfaction because it produced the first comprehensive blueprint both for the transition to a democratic socialist system and for the system itself.

A favourable combination of historical and social circumstances meant that Czechoslovakia was the only East European country able to produce such a plan and to have all the internal requisites for its realization.

In view of the persistent propaganda to the contrary, it must be reiterated that the Prague Spring was initiated and controlled throughout by the Communist Party: that it followed socialist aims; that it was loyal to its allies even though they were conspiring against it; that it did not jeopardize the security interests either of the Soviet Union or any of its allies, and that none of Czechoslovakia's national institutions or the leadership of the Communist Party either invited or approved of the invasion of Czechoslovakia. None the less, on the fateful night of August 21, 1968, the so-called "creeping counter-revolution" (the term is a typical invention of East German propaganda) was stamped out by the soldiers and tanks giving uninvited "fraternal help", and a prostrate country was treated (and in some ways still is) like a prisoner recaptured.

To what effect? Present circumstances force those living in the time of *perestroika* to ask this question. Czechoslovakia suffered incalculable damage by virtue of its defeat. But the Soviet Union's victory was largely pyrrhic.

The Brezhnev years are now being referred to officially in the Soviet Union as the age of stagnation: but the Kremlin's sense of relief goes back two decades, when Moscow did away with what it perceived to be a potential threat to its command system. This enhanced its feeling of self-satisfaction, induced it to rest on its laurels and gave a further substantial push to sweet idleness and corruption.

To what end indeed? All those who took part in the 1968 invasion are now facing a crisis which, whatever its immediate causes, derives ultimately from the Stalinist skeleton they all still have in their cupboards. In other words, their crisis stems from the same causes as Czechoslovakia's before the Prague Spring.

If Gorbachov succeeds in his present struggle, the invasion of Czechoslovakia 20 years ago will be recognized for the criminal error that it was.

The author was a member of the Czech National Council and President of the Writers' Union in 1968. He is now professor emeritus at the University of Sussex.

Tomorrow: Vaclav Havel

Bernard Levin

Spare parts for all models

With the correspondence columns still quivering from my last attempt to discuss life and death, I have to return to the subject on a parallel track. I must warn you first that the significance of the following story lies not in what it purports to reveal, but in the dreadful likelihood that you will *not* conclude that I am making it up.

A judge in Paraguay, ordering arrests, announced that seven babies, aged between three and six months, had been kidnapped in Brazil and were destined to the United States, where, investigators claimed, they were going to be killed to provide organs for transplant surgery; the cover story was that they were going to be adopted in America.

Judge Campos went on: "It's no fantasy. Imagine the son of a multi-millionaire gets kidney problems . . . The father isn't going to spare any effort in paying a millionaire sum for a fresh, new kidney . . . We began to get suspicious when we realized the supposed parents wanted any type of baby, even deformed . . . ".

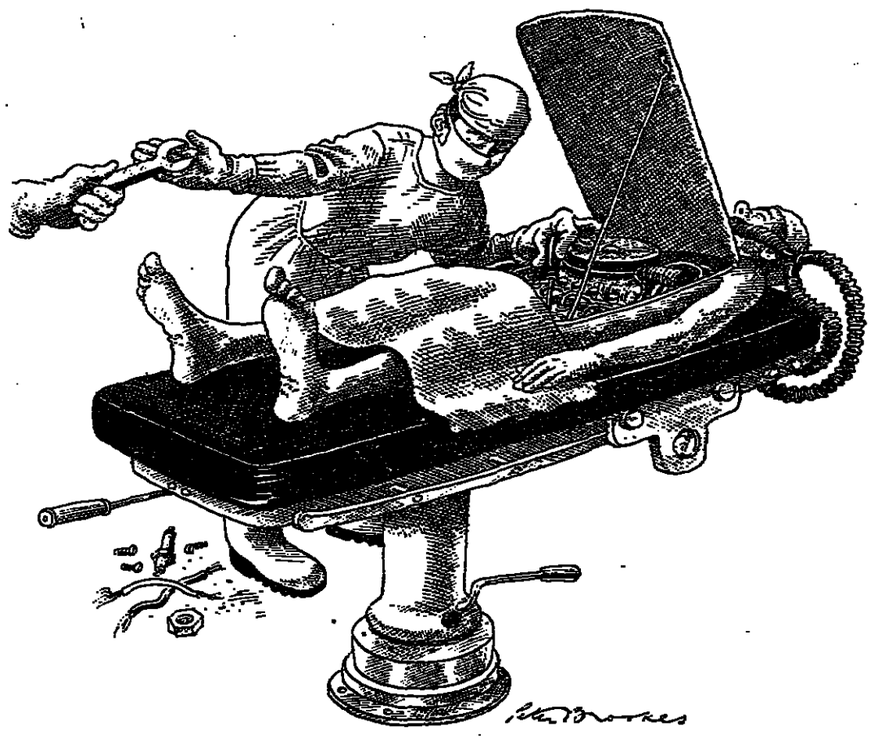
Now: you shuddered. But did you dismiss the story as a hoax? I fear not: what is more, if the story does turn out to be entirely baseless (and there have been denials), you are likely to be relieved rather than contemptuous. But if the charge turns out to be true, let us first give thanks that the babies were saved; and then let us pause awhile, and think.

There is an American writer of popular fiction, Robin Cook, who specializes in medical horror-stories. He has written novels with such stark titles as *Coma* and *Brain*, and one of his books tells precisely the same story as the Paraguayan judge did; it is set in a hospital where a group of doctors are killing patients to provide parts for transplants.

Mr Cook's success, though I grudge him none of it, is in itself disturbing in what it implies about the kind of fiction which is now acceptable in popular terms, for the point of science-fiction is that however weird or extravagant the stories may be, the reader's suspension of disbelief must be total — if he throws the book aside, muttering "What nonsense", it has failed. But Mr Cook's stories do not fail.

In other words, whatever the revulsion provoked by the Paraguay story, and whether or not it is true, it is believable. But how far back do we have to go to reach the days when it would *not* have been believable? I can answer that question most precisely: November 1967. (Work it out.) Much more recent is the coinage "spare parts surgery", and more recent still "organ bank" (it was to an organ bank that the children, or bits of them, were to be sent).

Language is the best and most accurate index to a people's thought; the only objective test of the mind which uses it. You shuddered at the details of the Paraguay case; why didn't you shudder when you came to those two phrases in quotation marks? Because what I have named The Fallacy of the Altered Standpoint is at work here.



Before the first heart transplant took place, in December 1967, to call the organs of a human body "spare parts" would have been thought simply disgusting, and the idea of an "organ bank" just mad; by the time such operations had ceased to be news, the Fallacy had injected its poison.

The reason I am, and shall always remain, implacably opposed to any legislation which would sanction euthanasia, is my knowledge and understanding of the way the Fallacy alters the Standpoint. Apart from a lunatic fringe, one or two of whom were sent to prison, the people who today seriously advocate euthanasia include some of the most scrupulous, law-venerating and humane figures you could hope to meet. I have no doubt that they would remain so if their aim was realized. But those who come after, particularly the next generation, will not have the context and the understanding that the pioneers lived by, and the standpoint from which they will judge who should be allowed or helped to die will have been significantly altered. The real, and hideous, danger of the fallacy I have identified lies in the fact that *its effect is to make that which was once unthinkable unremarkable.*

Last week, we had the pig-kidney story. It is not my fault that the Paraguayan judge chose for his hypothetical millionaire's son one with a defective kidney. But the Fallacy insinuates itself into the most unlikely and unreceptive quarters. Let us suppose that a patient is being kept "alive" on a ventilator, with the certainty that he can never be more than a living corpse. What objection would you have if it becomes known that the machine is not going to be disconnected because many of his organs are in perfect condition, and can be removed, one by one, the ventilator keeping him going until he is of no more use to anybody? You would have no objection? Then the Fallacy has ensnared you. Do you know what is the term for the process by which two wrecked motor-cars or other machines are made into a single battered but servicable one, by using the undamaged parts of each? The mechanic is said to have "cannibalized" them. It is a harmless term, no doubt, yet it is a significant one, too.

There is, of course, an unbridgeable gulf between the team that wishes to change defective human kidneys for healthy pig's ones and the people in the Paraguay story. But where did the criminals get their idea? I can tell you; first, transplants were astounding novelties; then, they were perfectly ordinary surgical cases; lastly, the Standpoint shifted. But it is the middle one of that sequence which is the key; when the unimaginable becomes the commonplace, the Fallacy is king.

As all the legends attest, it is very difficult to get the genie back into the bottle once you have taken the stopper out. But I think it is time to try. We cannot, obviously, forbid organ transplants; nor should we if we could. We can certainly put pressure on hospitals and surgeons to devote less time and resources to the glamorous and exciting procedures that help only a handful of patients, and more to those which relieve the sufferings of many. But in the end, this business comes down to individuals, as every moral question must. I have an idea.

Many selfless and idealistic people, wishing that in death they may help someone else to live, carry cards identifying them as among those who are willing, in case of their sudden death, to have the still functioning parts of their bodies removed and transplanted.

I do not advocate the carrying of a card which makes clear that the holder *refuses* such use of his body, though I would certainly defend anyone who took that view and wanted it understood by those who fished him out of the wreckage. But what about a card which stipulates that the carrier will not accept *for himself* a heart or a lung or a kidney if it comes from an "organ bank" or a repository of "spare parts", let alone a brain-dead human being kept alive solely by artificial means?

There have been some infinitely touching stories, in recent years, of people sacrificing, say, a kidney, to save a beloved brother or daughter; less dramatic, but almost as moving, is the fact that a very large number of people are still willing to give up some of their blood for transfusion. These actions are truly altruistic and admirable. But that is because the exchange is entirely human and personal; the participants have not been "cannibalized".

Count me, then, as the first man to declare formally that I do not want someone else's liver, brain, eyes or other parts inserted into me unless I have been properly introduced to my benefactor, and in addition that I am quite certain that he is happy to make over to me the organs he no longer needs.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Labour versus Democracy

By common consent of thinking politicians of the left, including Mr Gorbachov, socialism is a creed in need of revision. As a philosophical idea it has foundered on the rocks of reality. Defying their activists, even the leaders of the Labour Party are searching for a way of keeping their brand name while redefining or discarding the fundamentals which have defined socialism since its inception.

Simply to make patchwork changes to trim to the world of Thatcherism is, however, not enough. A new political philosophy is needed and to help Mr Kinnock and his colleagues two new socialist groups have been set up. The first calls itself The 20th June Group and consists of writers and publicists united principally by their detestation of what they regard as Thatcherite philistinism. Started by Lady Antonia Fraser, her husband Mr Pinter and Mr John Mortimer, it is composed conspicuously of noteably well-heeled pink writers. Its handicap is that a group representative of the Sixties establishment which has worked so diligently to recast society to its own approved model is hardly likely to be well equipped to listen to the people now or to look beyond its own assumptions.

Much more substantial is the well-funded Labour think-tank to be known as the Institute of Policy Research under Baroness Blackstone, Lord Callaghan's former policy adviser who is now Master of Birkbeck College. Its members include the economist, John Eatwell, who advises Mr Kinnock, various other academics, union leaders and businessmen. It echoes the right-wing Centre for Policy Studies founded by Mrs Thatcher and Lord Joseph in being detached from the party it exists to help.

But whereas the CPS began with a broad faith in market forces, individual responsibility and the elimination of inflation, the Blackstone unit starts with a vacuum caused by a fundamental faith discredited. Again, the essential question is whether it can cast aside Anthony Crosland's egalitarianism, Roy Jenkins's social permissiveness and Harold Wilson's bureaucratic planning to discover a new and acceptable meaning for socialism.

But above all, it needs to decide whether Labour's socialism is or is not to remain the anti-democratic creed which (beneath the apparatus of block voting, composite resolutions and a policy-making elected national executive) it has fundamentally always been.

Socialism was born primarily from the thinking of middle class philosophers (Karl Marx was only the most devastating of them) who were convinced that they had a model of a good society which the masses must and could be brought to accept. It is a system that has to be imposed from above, disregarding conflicting popular wishes. Such popular support as it has obtained it gained only because it offered a purported remedy for genuine grievances of poverty in a society which did not provide sufficient safeguards against the exploitation of workers by bosses with too much power.

Far from delivering prosperity, however, socialism holds it back and the power of the trade union and the party machine tends to corrupt as much as that of the capitalist. Socialism's real achievement has been that simply by existing it has forced democratic societies gradually to evolve other solutions.

But behind socialism's offer of remedies for genuine grievances there lay a determination to force a pattern of intellectual concepts on the masses in exchange for the new supposedly more just social order. These concepts, however, flout the instincts of ordinary people which is why the Labour Party consistently finds itself unable to bring out what would otherwise be its natural class majority.

An illustration of its lack of democracy was given in the Commons just before the recess when Mr Roy Hattersley and his party attacked Mr Tim Renton of the Home Office as a racist on account of minor rationalizations of the immigration rules. The debate was not only used for another Labour assault on the "primary purpose rule", by which it has to be proved that the intention of a spouse coming to Britain is a *bona fide* marriage and not simply to obtain settlement. There was even a bitter attack on a rule which, by stopping the import of second wives, is designed to establish the principle that imported polygamous marriage is not acceptable in this country.

Yet there can be no doubt of the British people's wish to prevent a thin end of the wedge on polygamous marriage, and there is equally no doubt of Labour's contempt for public opinion.

Moreover, in citing the smallness of the number so far involved in this category as a reason for not opposing the rule, Labour was simply following the technique it has used repeatedly against every attempt to limit immigration, which even now stands at some 46,000 annually, or nearly 60 per cent of the 1975 figure. Regardless of the social problems created, the wishes of the old inhabitants of inner cities who find themselves in a cultural minority, and of a nation's right to maintain its identity, Labour has persistently opposed every effort to respond to public opinion. Nationalism may be all right in Africa, Armenia or Latvia but not in Britain. Logic is stood on its head and Mr Paul Boateng, the Labour MP for Brent South, even told the Commons that the post-war invitation to West Indian recruits to work in the public services was the reason "why Afro-Caribbean and Asian people are in this country", as though the huge numbers since then had never arrived to create very different circumstances.

All this is symptomatic of a general contempt for public opinion in the interest of social engineering. Labour local authorities close necessary services and old people's homes and sack teachers rather than cut frivolous "spending" on so-called sexual minorities and racial groups. Educational fashions and attitudes which diminish the chances of many children from less advantaged homes are encouraged in the name of a bogus egalitarianism. Public opinion is defied over the defence of Britain and the Western alliance. Dependency of the individual on the state is created in the name of social fairness.

Socialism is a philosophy which offers bread and circuses but despises popular opinion and the right of the majority to express its wishes. If Labour's new policy groups cannot promulgate a new philosophy making it more democratic, they will achieve nothing for their party.

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The Times' correspondent was so little inspired by the Cherbourg fêtes which marked the completion of the harbour works and the unveiling of a statue of the Emperor Napoleon, that he allowed his imagination to wander over what might have been made of the banquet menu.

THE CHERBOURG FÊTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

PARIS, Monday August 9, 6pm

Yesterday morning Cherbourg was still thronged with visitors, although the character of the multitude had somewhat changed. Many of the Parisians, tired of the crowd and by the excitement, had departed homewards, and the railway station was besieged by thousands, eager to get away. On the other hand, the country people, profiting by Sunday leisure, flocked in to see Napoleon III inaugurate the statue of Napoleon I. By this time I suspect that nearly all the pilgrims from Paris have returned, or are on their way back to their domiciles . . . Some few of the most adventurous and insatiable may have followed the Emperor to Brest; industrious journalists and photographers may have lingered a little to complete their sketches; but by this evening Cherbourg will doubtless be itself again — that is to say, a tolerably dull little French town, although still palpitating at the recollection of its recent splendours and new importance, and also, doubtless, not a little jubilant at the harvest of gold pieces gathered during the festival. The canvas town erected by the railway company, and which has sheltered, during this eventful week, guests, journalists, a well-known coiffeur from the Rue Vivienne, and other useful and ornamental personages, is on the point of disappearing. A yellow poster stuck up about Cherbourg announces the sale by auction tomorrow, the 10th, of tents and beds, bedding and bed linen — for these luxurious campaigners actually had sheets on their beds. It would probably not interest you much to receive the bill of fare of the dinner on board the Bretagne, which an attentive friend has transmitted to me. The "Roast Beef à l'Anglaise" occupies a place of honour in the *menu*, but otherwise, although the banquet was a delicate and sumptuous one, there is nothing particularly characteristic or *à propos* to the occasion in the names of the dishes composing it. The compiling *chef*, great though his culinary talents may be, evidently does not possess that dash of gastronomical poetry which characterized the poor Regenerator, now gone from among us. Had Alexis Soyer superintended the banquet, as he has done so many others scarcely less notable, the *carte* would have bcone a curiousity of literature. His ingenuity would have devised the most wonderful and appropriate titles for the dainty dishes he set before Queen and Emperor. Not a *Macedoine* but would have conveyed hopes of a long-continued *entente cordiale*; not a *salmis* but would have paid by its title some compliment as delicate as its flavour to the high personages there assembled. His *pâtés* would have overflowed with pacific intentions, and his *ecrevisses*, tenderly blushing, would have clasped claws in token of good will. His tact would certainly have made him exclude the *potage Crécy*, which heads the bill of fare, lest it should remind the illustrious Frenchmen present of a battle remembered by that name; and the *poulets à la Villeroi* would surely not have figured among the *entrées*, for fear of awakening unpleasant recollections of that General's disaster at Ramilies. Many accomplished cooks doubtless remain, but hardly one so skilled as was Soyer in the association of sentiment and sauce.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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PEACE ON OUR TERMS

The summer of 1988 suddenly promises peace. A common will to international concord, it seems, has crept up on long-standing conflicts and stands poised to smother them.

After eight years, the guns are falling silent in the Gulf. Russian troops are completing the first phase of their withdrawal from Afghanistan on schedule. An accord has been reached to end the civil war in Angola and give independence to Namibia.

Preliminary talks on ending the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia have concluded without the breakdown and recriminations many predicted. One month before the Seoul Olympics, which will see the widest participation ever, North Korea has accepted an invitation from the South to talk peace.

Such a catalogue is necessarily selective. There is no peace in the Middle East, nor in Central America, nor inside South Africa. The countries of Eastern Europe, like the Baltic states, are still tied against their will to the Soviet Union. Elsewhere, there are still only promises of peace. Yet there is a mood of palpable optimism and reasonableness the like of which has not been met for years.

To the United States and the Western alliance must go credit for single-minded pressure to halt Soviet expansion at Kabul and turn it back. Credit must also go jointly to the United States and the Soviet Union which have for more than two years now been quietly discussing points of regional friction at regular talks. It is these talks which have brought the combatants in Afghanistan and southern Africa to the negotiating table.

But credit for the quieter battlefields is due also to the Gorbachov leadership which has, little noticed in some quarters, embarked on a comprehensive change of tactics in its conduct of foreign affairs. The hand of Mr Gorbachov is to be discerned not only guiding the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, but also behind Vietnam's reluctant acquiescence in talks on Cambodia, and the Angolan Government's acceptance of terms for the withdrawal of Cuban support.

The Soviet leader has appeared to recognize, in his statements and actions, that war has not always provided the crucible in which Lenin's revolution is forged. Victory may be better sought by other means.

Moscow's preference for giving military rather than humanitarian aid to its foreign clients rebounded when famine struck and Western food took precedence over Soviet armaments at the airports of Ethiopia and Mozambique. Russia is now shifting its aid from military to civilian development projects.

Not only had the policies of the Brezhnev years failed to pay off in any sense. They also represented an increasing drain on resources badly needed at home.

So fundamental a change of political emphasis as that introduced by Mr Gorbachov into foreign policy has risks, however. Every move made by Moscow towards a solution of one or other regional issue can equally be presented by his opponents as a concession or even a defeat.

Moreover, for every member of the new Soviet foreign policy establishment who defends the "realism" of the "new thinking", there is a member of the Communist Party establishment concerned that Russia is neglecting, or even betraying, its ideological principles. Last weekend Mr Yegor Ligachov, Mr Gorbachov's deputy, restated the traditional Soviet view that alliances should be made on ideological rather than economic grounds.

Those principles, as Mr Gorbachov's acolytes would surely point out, were rapidly leading the Soviet Union into a ghetto of backward and mostly unsuccessful countries — the Warsaw Pact, Vietnam, North Korea, Ethiopia, Angola, Mozambique, Cuba and Nicaragua — and excluding it from the rapidly growing economies of the developing capitalist world. The Soviet Union had no alternative but to change its priorities.

Even if Mr Gorbachov's opponents do not succeed in forcing a reconsideration of present policies, however, Moscow's ultimate objective remains unclear. Is the "new thinking" really new thinking in which democracy and national self-determination are respected, or is it the pursuit of global conquest by other, more insidious, means?

Time was when Russia claimed world leadership on ideological grounds. When the millennium of world revolution failed to arrive, it turned to military means to bring it forward. Now, that method too has been acknowledged to be ineffective. Others must follow.

One way Russia can now aspire to world leadership, as even Mr Gorbachov has conceded, is by the force of its example. An economically unsuccessful country conquering others by armed force against their will is ill-equipped to provide that example. An economically strong and politically confident Soviet Union might do. At present, the slow pace of change in Russia makes that a distant prospect.

Neither this knowledge, however, nor Mr Gorbachov's respect for the force of example should foster complacency. Temporary tactical retreats are the essence of Leninism. They need to be closely watched.

If they bring peace to areas of the world which have experienced precious little peace in recent years, this is something the West must build on by offering the force of its own example, the example of democracy, participation and economic success. For a short time, the West has a chance to show that there can be peace in our time and that it can be on our terms. But that chance will not last for ever.

COME BACK, MR CLARKE

On Monday the Department of Health launched a series of advertisements for nursing as a career. On Tuesday the recruitment effort was nullified. Overnight nurses' pay was on the front pages again. After the April pay review it looked as if, whatever other problems the National Health Service has, it would henceforth be spared the threat of industrial action by nurses; that prospect has now evaporated. The breakdown casts a shadow over the arrival at Health of Mr Kenneth Clarke. There is an urgent need for good faith to be restored.

The belligerence of the leaders of the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the alacrity with which they reach for the damaging weapon of a nurses' strike does them little credit. But Cohse and the National Union of Public Employees are not alone in their walkout. It is difficult not to see in the angered reaction of the Royal College of Nursing — an interest group the public has come to trust — a major blunder on the part of the Department of Health.

But on closer inspection this turns out to be not a blunder but a calculated exercise in trying to fit the expansive settlement proposed by the pay review body into too tight a financial corset. Deliberately or not, the department allowed nurses to read into the Government's acceptance of the review a series of assumptions about pay structure and numbers. The department happily let the cameras focus on delighted ward sisters making sanguine calculations about their pay increases. But in a letter on May 10, it was intimated that the Government had a quite different understanding of some key phrasing in the report. On Tuesday, when the numbers in the revision were finally spelled out, the disagreement between the department and the nurses became unbridgeable.

At issue is how many nursing sisters should be paid in the grade reflecting, in the review body's words, "more heavily loaded jobs." The RCN says the clear sense of the report was a majority of sisters, some two per ward, up to a dozen in intensive-care units. The department speaks of jobs with "continuous responsibility" and wants a maximum of one sister per ward, four per unit admitted to the higher paid grade. The department's proposal has knock-on effects down the hierarchy, pushing large numbers of nurses out of the gradings they had been led in April to expect.

There was scope for argument about the structure described in the review, and numbers of sisters who because of their work patterns deserve more. These were issues to be negotiated. What is inexplicable is the way that the Department of Health allowed a mass of (it now turns out erroneous) expectations to be built up in April. What is worse is the way in which the department's priority has changed. Instead of giving nursing a permanent, incentive-based career structure, which would recruit many more nurses than expensive television advertisements, the object is now to cram the entire settlement into a preordained cash limit.

Here is why Mr Clarke's return from the beaches of Spain is now necessary. Ministers deserve holidays, to be sure. But a good deal of the political capital generated by the April settlement is being squandered; a once for all opportunity to regulate and enhance the attractions of the nursing profession is being lost. By speedy conciliation he could once again remove nurses' pay from contention.

FEAR OF LOW FLYING

The mid-air collision of two Tornado aircraft above the Lake District is a tragedy for the families of the four men who died and a heavy loss for the RAF, in financial as well as human terms. But it has also rekindled an old argument which the Government will have to address with care.

The argument concerns low-level flying. Pilots are taught to fly low in order to duck below enemy radar screens in wartime. By hugging the ground they can take advantage of the earth's curvature and be almost on top of their targets before being detected. All air forces practise this — and have made themselves unpopular by doing so. One cause of public complaint is the danger involved and another is the noise of low-flying jets.

While the problem is thus international, the RAF is more vulnerable than most. This is partly because of this country's size and population density and partly because of an increase in low-level training. The RAF itself admits that this has doubled in the last nine years, to take full advantage of the high performance (and high cost) Tornado.

Yet the accident rate has gone down. Last year there were up to 14 major accidents compared with 25 five years before. These involved all types of aircraft, including helicopters, and by no means all occurred while flying low-level (the average proportion of these is one in four).

The noise factor is rather harder to evaluate. The chief characteristic of military jet noise is that it is very sudden, very loud and relatively short-lived. While the Lake District (and anywhere else) would be better off without it, those living there probably suffer less than people near busy airports or urban ringroads.

The RAF must train and must do so to the best of its ability. Indeed most people in the country understand that and the services are by no means without friends.

But the Ministry of Defence should take care to preserve this reservoir of good will. This was not the first fatal accident in the region and the sorry loss of human life and financial investment (the cost of training a Tornado pilot is assessed at £2.8 million) has come at a time when détente rather than defence is seizing the public imagination. An inquiry has already started. Its findings should be made public and if, as seems possible, low-flying needs to be better coordinated and controlled, no cost should be spared to ensure that this is done. The public must be reassured if its support is to be retained.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What T. S. Eliot had in mind

From the Treasurer of the London Library

Sir, The report (August 8) about the T. S. Eliot Centenary Fund quotes me as saying that T. S. Eliot's views had changed after the war, and that had allowed me to support the fund. I seem to have been misunderstood.

I do not know what was in T. S. Eliot's mind either before or after the war, although his *Notes Towards the Definition of Culture*, published in 1948, may be indicative.

In it he more than once mentions that our culture is based on "the legacy of Greece, Rome and Israel". That is not surprising, for everyone knows of the profound respect Eliot had for Simone Weil, and of his close association with Karl Mannheim.

No, I supported the creation of the fund without reservation because T. S. Eliot was instrumental in forming the London Library Trust, which both helps students and needy scholars pay their subscriptions and enables the library to buy works which it might not otherwise acquire; and it seemed entirely appropriate to mark the centenary of his birth by creating a fund of that trust to advance these objects which were so near to his heart, so good for the library and so good for literary scholarship.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS GOLDEN,
Treasurer,
The London Library,
14 St James's Square, SW1.
August 8.

From Mr R. V. Smith

Sir, I have read Mr A. Julius's interesting but rather frightening Commentary article, "The mark against Eliot" (August 9).

The considerable Scottish poet who wrote under the name of Hugh McDiarmid was a doughty disliker of the English, and never seemed to hesitate to say so. Nevertheless, I admire him as a poet and enjoy his work, and would never dream of trying to denigrate him morally and generally, simply because he disliked my countrymen.

People tend to have dislikes and prejudices, not always very rational, not always themselves likeable; but I think we must forgive ourselves, or at any rate each other, for our human shortcomings, while trying to amend them.

Indeed, nobody sends for the police or the men in white coats for anti-Saxonism, anti-Frankism, anti-Italianism, anti-Hispanicism, anti-Nipponism, or even anti-Americanism. It is that one group which is protected (and which unremittingly protects itself) against any expression of the foibles of the rest of humanity.

Of course, one realises only too well the appalling crimes which gave rise to this situation; but should the rest of us at this late date go on accepting it?

Yours faithfully,
R. V. SMITH,
17 Rodney Road,
New Malden,
Surrey.
August 9.

Dog meat in Korea

From Miss Pamela Stewart

Sir, It is a pity that your contributor, Jonathan Meades, should treat in such a facetious way the Koreans' habit of killing dogs for meat by torture (Eating Out, July 30), in the interests of a better taste.

Does he really not see any difference between the comparatively speedy death of the slaughterhouse or shooting, and prolonged and deliberate torture? Does he really think it "sentimental" to object to such torture?

If many Westerners do eat such meat, knowingly, when they go to the East, the more shame to them.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA STEWART,
6 Beatrice Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
July 30.

Personal injury

From Mr Nigel H. Harris

Sir, I read with interest Frances Gibb's report (August 2) and the subsequent correspondence from solicitors (August 4) whose opinions I strongly support.

I see and report on six personal accident and alleged medical negligence problems each week; my instructions come from plaintiffs' solicitors and I attempt to give an independent and objective opinion.

My experience suggests that as far as medical negligence cases are concerned, solicitors should always instruct an expert in the very early stages, but preferably after they have obtained the X-rays and medical records.

I find that after perusal of the documents, it is often possible to give a preliminary opinion. This will indicate either that there is no substance to the allegation and it should not be pursued (about 50 per cent of the cases sent to me), or there is evidence that the matter should be further investigated and, if necessary, advice obtained from other medical disciplines.

Unnecessary and sometimes very long delays occur because the medical records cannot be obtained; the fault is sometimes due to lack of vigour on the part of solicitors, and on other occasions the fault lies with health authorities. Whatever the cause there are legal remedies which are not always used early enough.

A further cause for delay is that solicitors who do not normally specialize in such cases, have difficulty in obtaining the advice of an appropriate medical expert — principally because they are not aware of the names of those who are prepared to do this work. I therefore support the suggestion for a panel of recognized solicitors who have the appropriate expertise.

They should be encouraged to work closely with the General and Medical Legal Services, who maintain a panel of experts in every field of medicine. These experts understand the legal requirements and generally will provide a reliable and prompt opinion.

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL H. HARRIS,
72 Harley Street, W1.

From Mr M. A. M. S. Leigh

Sir, The report by Frances Gibb and the letters which you have published subsequently may give a misleading impression of the tragic case of Keith Blackburn and the role of the solicitors involved. I represented the doctors and helped the hospital's solicitors to prepare the defence.

The doctors were acquitted of negligence. The judge, Sir Frederick Lawton, found that the cause of Mr Blackburn's brain damage was the failure of a nurse to clean out the tracheotomy tube sufficiently frequently.

This allegation was added to the pleadings in 1986, 10 years after the event. By this time the nurse who was caring for Mr Blackburn at the time could not be traced.

The significant clinical notes were disclosed in 1982. It is true that the secretary of the hospital declined to disclose them initially because he was not told what was being alleged. The judge declared his decision reasonable but complained that the secretary failed to alert others who would have taken steps to protect the intensive-care unit's detailed records, which might have enabled the health authority to vindicate the actions of the nurse.

Should the health authority have taken greater steps to establish the cause of his damage at the time?

On the evidence available in 1987 it appeared that Mr Blackburn's damage was sustained as a result of a blocked tube on October 8, 1976. In 1976 those who were looking after Mr Blackburn were preoccupied with the fact that he was gravely ill even before the incident and concentrated all of their attentions on saving his life.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. M. S. LEIGH,
Hempsons,
33 Henrietta Street,
Strand, WC2.
August 5.

Conflict of views over sanctions

From the Commonwealth Secretary-General

Sir, You are prepared in your leader of August 5 to believe any evidence which supports your anti-sanctions stance. You give credence to polls conducted by organisations based far away from South Africa, yet you choose to ignore any evidence which might contradict your position.

The assertion that South African blacks look to sanctions as the most necessary form of pressure on Pretoria for peaceful change and would prefer such suffering as sanctions may impose to the far greater suffering and humiliation of apartheid is based on the extensive consultations which the Commonwealth has undertaken with religious leaders, trade unionists, and others involved in the struggle in South Africa.

These are the considered conclusions of the Commonwealth committee of eight foreign ministers, chaired by Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, not just mine. The committee also recognised that Pretoria's fear of sanctions is leading to a concerted campaign supported by massive financial resources to convince Western countries that black South Africans are opposed to sanctions.

The Commonwealth needs no pointers to the path of diplomacy. The EPG (Eminent Persons Group) mission to South Africa was a patient and determined journey down that path. It was Pretoria which crudely rejected it and continues to proscribe any form of peaceful opposition to apartheid from any quarter within South Africa. All Commonwealth leaders agree that the EPG's negotiating concept remains valid today.

We do not help South Africa — white or black — by giving comfort to the status quo. It is precisely because even the limited sanctions imposed so far by a limited number of countries are beginning to have some effect that Pretoria's propaganda against them is being stepped up.

International pressure through economic and other sanctions is ultimately an act of kindness and black South Africans overwhelmingly recognise this. It is a criminal offence for them to say so — hence your statistics. What sanctions hurt most is the apartheid system. The world is increasingly sure of that.

Yours faithfully,
SONNY RAMPHAL,
Marlborough House,
Pall Mall, SW1.
August 10.

From Sir James Spicer, MP for Dorset West (Conservative)

Sir, I write to congratulate you on your leader, "Propaganda or diplomacy", which so effectively demolished any of the arguments put forward by the pro-sanction lobby. That article does not seem to have been widely read by the bishops attending the Lambeth Conference and, in particular, by the Bishop of Manchester. Speaking on the *Today* programme last Saturday he asserted that "all informed opinion" in South Africa was in favour of sanctions. One is entitled to ask the bishop just what constitutes "informed opinion".

Should the 40,000 miners from Mozambique who have lost their livelihood in South African mines as a result of sanctions be allowed a view? Should the many thousands of workers in the Cape citrus fruit industry be consulted? Should all those workers who, because of the pressure upon Western firms to disinvest, have lost the protection of the code of conduct, be supportive of sanctions?

Finally, might the bishop and some of his colleagues be prepared to take to task the Government of Zambia for encouraging Zambia Airways to provide a substitute service from the US to Lusaka (with onward connecting flights to South Africa) in place of an American service withdrawn as a result of congressional edict?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES SPICER.
House of Commons.
August 8.

Repeats on TV

From Mr Nicholas Serpell

Sir, Mr Peter Plouviez, General Secretary of Equity, says (August 9) that his union will "never" give the BBC unrestricted rights to repeat previously-shown material.

He appears to ignore the fact that these programmes were financed by the licence fee and his members who took part in them paid by the ordinary television viewer. Equity is also denying the BBC an opportunity to recoup some of the initial investment in these programmes by allowing them to be sold as videos to the general public, the income from which will go towards the cost of new programmes.

By all means let Equity members receive repeat fees at an agreed scale, but it is not at all right that they should deny viewers access to material which is, in effect, the property of the licence payer.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SERPELL,
Springfield,
Lower Middle Hill,
Pensilva, Liskeard, Cornwall.

From the General Secretary of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain

Sir, Your Media Editor's report (August 5) concerning the BBC and the arts unions, as far as the Writers' Guild is concerned, is an example of guilt by association. Without agreements the lot of the writer would be even worse than it is now. None of the union restrictive practices described by Mr Evans applies to us.

If someone wishes to hire a car, he pays according to the length of time and the mileage. If the BBC wish to increase the mileage they get out of writers' work, all they have to do is come and discuss the matter with the guild. We shall continue to be flexible.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER J. JEFFREY,
General Secretary,
The Writers' Guild of Great Britain,
430 Edgware Road, W2.

Train robbery film

From Mrs Christine Plant

Sir, I join the ranks of those outraged at the booming Great Train Robbery industry (article, August 6). It is particularly outrageous that the film about Buster Edwards's life is to be launched with a royal premiere.

Might one suggest that all royalties should be paid to the insurance company who met the original claim?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE PLANT,
4 Sandalwood Drive,
St Nicholas at Wade,
Birchington, Kent.

Braking point

From Mr William Jowett

Sir, Something approaching half a million new motors cars have just been released on to the roads. The new owners had previously studied all the available performance figures — both official and unofficial — and are well able to talk about petrol consumption at various speeds, acceleration, top speed and any number of other statistics.

However, not one of them has been able to research into the most basic safety need of any car — that is, its braking ability.

Is it not time that a standard test was devised that enabled potential purchasers to compare how well a car stops? The distance taken to stop from (say) 30, 50 and 70 miles per hour would be an extremely useful indicator as to the desirability of any particular model.

Controlled test conditions, ensuring true comparability, could easily be arranged just as they are now for acceleration and fuel consumption figures.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM JOWETT,
24 Montpelier Street,
Brighton, Sussex.
August 3.

Target for 1992 on languages

From Mr Geoffrey Holroyde

Sir, Spectrum, August 8, asks, "Are we learning our lesson" in respect of European language competence by representatives of British companies, come 1992.

I am persuaded that:

1. The chance of opening up business is greatly enhanced if one pays the customer (or supplier) the courtesy of speaking his language.
2. The chance of clinching a deal and cooperating effectively is greatly enhanced if one understands not just the language, but the culture that underpins it.
3. The year 1992 will find us largely unprepared in those respects compared with our European colleagues.

A recent survey of 1,300 small firms in the Black Country showed almost no direct penetration by them of European markets. What exports they do make are via the large companies they supply. Reluctantly, some of them are realising that they must learn to export directly, and that means learning a language quickly. But by then it is rather late.

The key lies with the most prestigious universities, whose entrance requirements, alas, have largely determined what is taught in school to all the pupils, not just aspiring scholars.

If Cambridge required oral competence in a European language to enter and graduate in engineering or economics, and to prove it interviewed prospective students in the language; if Oxford did similarly for its degrees — and the rest of higher education then followed — the public schools would alter their sixth-form timetables at once. The State schools would follow a bit later, and oral language competence would spread like wildfire down the school curriculum, reaching those parts that even the secretary of state can't reach.

Yours etc,
GEOFFREY HOLROYDE
(Former Director, Coventry Polytechnic),
38 Coten End, Warwick.

Reading classics

From Dr P. V. Jones and Dr K. C. Sidwell

Sir, We are not about to disagree with Dr Daly's kind recommendation (July 30) that adults unfortunate enough to miss out on Latin and Greek at school should use our books (*Reading Greek* and *Reading Latin*) to learn those two superb languages, although we would point out that both are intended for late learners rather than the "teach yourself" market. However, nothing can replace the discipline and the excitement of working in a university department like Birkbeck's.

Is this the time for the foundation of a Classics Trust, as was proposed at the Classical Association in April, or some form of the American National Endowment for the Humanities, to ensure this precious heritage is not swept away by the New Education?

Yours etc,
P. V. JONES,
K. C. SIDWELL (St Patrick's College, Maynooth),
Department of Classics,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
Tyne and Wear.

Cook memorial

From Sir Donald Tebbit

Sir, The Bishop of Ely's courteous response of July 27 to my letter of July 16 about the Cook memorabilia in the Church of St Andrew the Great in Cambridge unfortunately raises as many questions as it answers.

For instance, much is made of the proposed construction of a staircase for better viewing of the main memorial on the chancel wall. But the memorial is already perfectly visible and legible from the ground.

Again, one wonders whether "the memorial tablet in the floor" of which the bishop speaks, and the slab of the Cook graves, of which he does not speak, will also be situated in one of the new shops and, if so, how respectful treatment and access will be provided.

Mrs Cook left £1,000 to endow the memorial. It should have accumulated enough interest to help to resolve the present problems. If not, surely the diocese and their chosen developers might wish to meet the cost of proper treatment and access from the proceeds of the development.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD TEBBIT,
Priory Cottage,
Church Road, Toft, Cambridge.
August 5.

All the eights

From Mr K. Haughton

Sir, Today, Monday, 8. 8. 88, is my birthday. Having thus survived five eight-year periods at eight minutes past 8 a.m. I eagerly checked the eight numbers of my Portfolio card. I was eight away.

Yours fatefully,
K. HAUGHTON,
31 Hollymount,
Hagley Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.
August 8.

From Mr T. W. Stone

Sir, What fun to find the speedometer of my car, a Triumph of British engineering, reading 88888 miles. The temptation to take it out and "do" 88 was resisted!

Yours faithfully,
T. W. STONE,
25 Adam Court,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
August 8.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Sir Bernard Ashley, chairman, Laura Ashley, 62; Sir Richard Barratt, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 60; Mr Don Boyd, film director, 40; Professor J R S Fincham, geneticist, 62; Professor Alun Hoddinott, composer, 59; Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, 90; Professor Derry Jeffares, professor of English studies, 68; Sir Aaron Klug, biochemist, 62; Dame Jean Lancaster, former director, WRNS, 79; Mr Raymond Leppard, conductor, 61; Miss Anna Massey, actress, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, 55; Lord Poole, 77; Sir Michael Quinlan, civil servant, 58; General Sir Charles Richardson, 80; Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP, 56; the Right Rev J L Thompson, Bishop of Stepney, 52; Miss Peggy Thorpe-Bates, actess, 74; Mr Eric Varley, former MP, 56; Professor Sir Angus Wilson, author, 75.

Anniversaries

Births: Joseph Nollekens, sculptor, London, 1737; Rowland Hill, 1st Viscount Hill, general, Hawkstone, Shropshire, 1772; Charlotte Yonge, novelist, Otterbourne, Hants, 1823; Christian Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Nijkerk, Netherlands, 1858; Hugh MacDiarmid (pseudonym of Christopher Murray Grieve), poet, Langholm, Dumfries, 1892.

Deaths: James Wilson, politician, Calcutta, 1860; John Henry Newman, cardinal, Edgbaston, 1890; Andrew Carnegie, steel industrialist and philanthropist, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1919; Edith Wharton, novelist, St Brice-sous-Foret, 1937; Jackson Pollock, Expressionist painter, East Hampton, New York, 1956.

The Atlantic Charter was signed by Churchill and Roosevelt, 1941.

University appointments

University of Wales

Granted Personal Chairs with effect from October 1, 1988: Dr K **Morgan**, currently a Reader in the Department of Civil Engineering, University College, Swansea; Dr K **Smith**, currently a Reader in the Department of Chemistry, University College, Swansea. Mr P B L **Badham**, currently Senior Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at St David's University College, Lampeter, has been promoted to the grade and title of Reader with effect from August 1, 1988.

Rare catch

A fisherman has netted a huge blue marlin, a game fish previously unknown in British waters off the Tyne.

The six-and-a-half stone fish – 7ft 7ins long, including the sword-like projection from its snout – was caught by Mr Jack Wetherstone, who sold it to a fish merchant. Now it is in the freezer of the Parkway Hotel, Leeds, where the chef has plans for it.

Mr Nigel Bowley, deputy manager of the hotel, said: "We hope to lay on a very special dish from a very special fish – which is so huge it could be on the menu for some time."

The marlin is usually found in warm and tropical seas. The one netted off the Tyne was a youngster – adults are twice that size.

Dr John Buchanan, Newcastle University marine biologist, said blue marlin had not previously been caught in British waters. "How it came to be in the North Sea is a mystery but quite a few odd things have happened recently, with several reports of leatherback turtles – which do not normally occur off Britain – on the South Coast."

Appointment

The Right Hon Robert Lynd Erskine Baron **Lowry**, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

Mr Michael **Roper**, Deputy Keeper of Public Records, to become Keeper of Public Records on October 1, 1988 in succession to Dr G H Martin.

Conservation

Standing guard on a rare red orchid

A botany student will spend six weeks of his summer holidays guarding a rare flower from plant burglars.

Mr Paul Stanley is living in a caravan to deter thieves from stealing a red helleborine orchid – the first to set seed in Britain for 30 years.

The legally protected flower is so precious that a licence is needed to photograph it, in case the background to the picture can be recognised.

Mr Richard Tyler, a Hampshire naturalist, said: "Anyone caught stealing a whole seed pod could be liable for a £100,000 fine, as the maximum penalty is a thousand pounds per seed and a plant could contain a hundred seeds."

Hampshire naturalists held an auction for the privilege of seeing the plant, and plans were made for the winner to be blindfolded during the trip.

Miss Jackie Lefevre, of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalist Trust, said: "Unfortunately, very keen plant collectors and botanists steal rare orchids. They cherish them as a stamp collector would a rare stamp. But we'll prosecute anyone we catch stealing one."

After a spate of rare plant thefts last year, a special orchid warden scheme was set up by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation to patrol sites in eight counties.

Mr Stanley, aged 22, a Bangor University botany graduate from Southampton, is happy to spend most of his summer guarding one helleborine orchid.

"If it isn't protected it could become extinct", he said.

The helleborine has been recorded at only three places in Britain. One of them remained barren this year while the Hampshire site produced only one flower.

A licence was granted for it to be artificially pollinated – the first pollination in Britain for 30 years.

Now the seeds are to be sent to Kew Gardens in London for cultivation.

Architecture

'Last chance' for social homes project

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

A social housing project on the site of the Prince of Wales Hospital in Tottenham, north London, could be in jeopardy next week if the local health authority decides to offer it on the open market instead of selling it at the current market price to a consortium of five local housing associations.

Plans drawn up by the community architects Hunt Thompson Associates would provide 160 new homes for rent and shared equity ownership, as well as restore a listed building and build a health clinic.

The six acre site, close to the Broadwater Farm Estate where a policeman was killed in rioting three years ago, is also wanted by private developers who recently had their plans turned down on appeal after a public inquiry.

Yesterday, Mr Bernard Hunt the architect said: "Permission for a similar scheme is regarded as only a matter of time unless the consortium's bid is accepted."

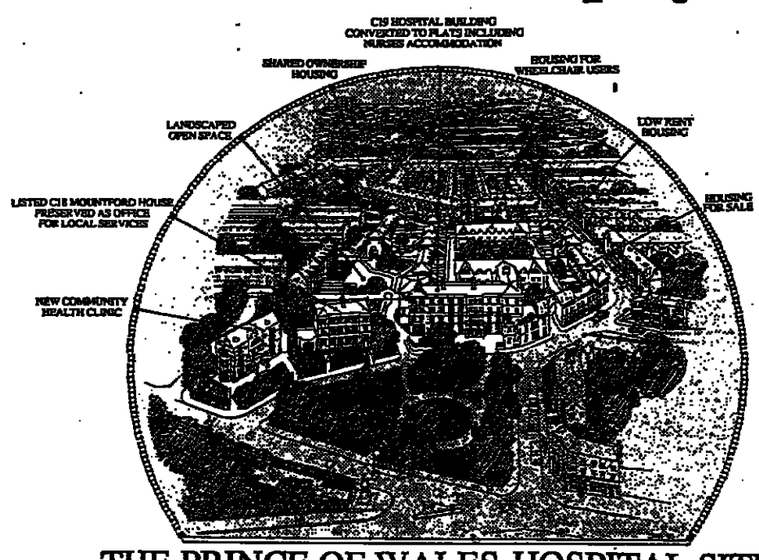
The Government-backed Housing Corporation is willing to invest more than £8 million in the scheme, one of the largest single allocations it has ever made. Two local MPs, Sir Hugh Rossi, for Haringey, and Mr Bernie Grant, for Tottenham, have both supported the bid.

The provision of homes with access for the disabled, many of them in wheelchairs, has been praised by the Prince of Wales's advisory group on disability, as it would provide "a unique opportunity to people with severe physical disabilities to achieve independence."

In addition to Housing Corporation funding, a quarter of the cost of the new houses and flats will come from the private sector.

"Unless Haringey District Health Authority gives the project the go-ahead, the £8 million will have to be allocated to other projects. Because of changes this year in the way housing associations are funded, the opportunity will be lost for ever", Mr Hunt said.

The Hunt Thompson plan includes saving the main hospital frontage, retaining the listed Mountford House for office use, a new clinic and 160 new homes, some of which will be used by nurses.



THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL SITE

An artist's impression of the proposed hospital development beside Tottenham Green

OBITUARY

BRIG JOE VANDELEUR

Hero of Arnhem advance

Brigadier "Joe" Vandeleur, DSO, who died on August 4 at the age of 84, was a distinguished and colourful soldier whose Second World War flair and leadership was such that it featured in the film *A Bridge Too Far*, when he was portrayed by Michael Caine.

His action was at Arnhem in September, 1944, when Vandeleur led the 30 Corps advance which aimed to link up with the British and American airborne forces while he was commanding the Irish Guards Battle Group. His conduct then, and indeed throughout the campaign in North West Europe in that year, earned him widespread respect and admiration.

A Bridge Too Far, produced by Sir Richard Attenborough in 1977, met with some criticism over the portrayal of some of the participants, but Vandeleur was happy with his role as portrayed by Caine, whom he considered to be "first class". Even critics of some of the other parts felt that Caine's interpretation of Vandeleur was "delightful".

John Ormsby Evelyn Vandeleur - his initials inevitably resulted in him being familiarly known as "Joe" - was a member of an old Irish family. He was born in Nowshera, on the North West Frontier of India, where his father, Lieut- Col C.B. Vandeleur, DSO, was serving. He was educated at Cheltenham College and the Royal Military College, and was commissioned in the Irish Guards in 1924.

He was seconded to the Sudan Defence Force from 1928 to 1931, commanding a camel company and a motor machine gun battery.

His experiences there left a lasting impression on him and he several times tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade the authorities to allow him to return.

He did, however, serve in Egypt and got himself attached to the 1st Battalion in Palestine, where he had his first experience of fighting.

In 1941 he commanded the 3rd Battalion and, three years later, as the senior commanding officer, he took charge of the reorganized Irish Guards Battle Group.

His first orders then to the new group were: "Enemy Information - one word, chaos. Our intention: the Irish Group will dine in Brussels tomorrow night!"

By 9pm the following night they were in the city and, in line with his orders, the officers sat down to dinner in the largest cafe in a main square, interrupted by a message that Germans were holding out in a house down the road. "They were fixed up quickly and we returned to dinner," Vandeleur later recalled.

The Group moved on through Belgium and under Vandeleur's leadership the Escaut Canal Crossing, near Lommel, was successfully captured intact, after a brief but sharp battle. It became known as "Joe's Bridge".

Four days after this, the Irish Guards Group was visited and congratulated by Lieut-General Sir Brian Horrocks, the Corps Commander, who then gave them what they regarded as the dubious honour of leading the 30 Corps advance to link up with the Airborne Forces at Arnhem - the historic "Operation Market Garden" assault behind the German lines in the Netherlands.

Vandeleur's men were hampered by canals, streams, ditches, narrow roads and German resistance, as they advanced to relieve the remnants of the Airborne Division.

The leading tanks were destroyed and infantry reduced. Eventually the Irish Group was withdrawn into reserve. The dash had failed only eight miles short of Arnhem. German resistance had been under-estimated and the difficulties of the terrain for armoured vehicles not fully appreciated by senior commanders.

Vandeleur commanded the regiment from 1946 to 1948. On his retirement in 1951 he was granted the honorary rank of Brigadier.

He was twice married but both wives pre-deceased him. There were no children.

FÉLIX LECLERC

Félix Leclerc, the Quebec singer and song-writer, died on August 8, aged 74. With his gravelly voice and poetic touch, he was a potent influence in the Nationalist movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

Leclerc was an active supporter of Quebec becoming independent from Canada, and campaigned for the "yes" side in the province's 1980 referendum. The defeat of the sovereignty option left the chansonnier deeply disappointed.

The song L'Alouette en Colère (The Angry Lark) reflected his strong feelings about challenges to Quebec's French-language heritage from English. "I have a humiliated son, who tomorrow will be an assassin," he sang. "All that he has left is his mother tongue which is not recognized. I feel in me, between the flesh and the bone, an anger taking root."

Born in La Tuque, north east of Montreal, Leclerc attended Ottawa University, but had to leave without a degree because of financial problems. After that he worked as an announcer, did some acting, and wrote songs, accompanying himself on the guitar.

Recruited first by a French talent scout, he spent the next three years performing in Paris and elsewhere in France. He returned in triumph to Quebec in 1953, but continued to divide his time between France and Quebec until 1970.

PROF ARTHUR HUMPHREYS

Professor Arthur Raleigh Humphreys, who died on August 9, aged 77, was one of the leading Shakespearean scholars of his generation.

It was with the publication in 1960 of the Arden edition of *Henry IV*, part one, followed by part two six years later, that Humphreys began a series of authoritative and carefully annotated editions of Shakespeare's plays for which he remains best known.

The Penguin *Henry V* appeared in 1968 and *Henry VIII* three years later. These were followed by the Arden *Much Ado About Nothing* in 1981 and the new Oxford *Julius Caesar* in 1984. He was especially concerned with the social context of literature.

Humphreys was appointed to the first Chair of English at the then University College of Leicester in 1947 and built up Leicester University's English department before he retired in 1976.

Humphreys was among those while in Leicester who helped establish the Leicester Theatre Committee which led to first the Phoenix and then the Haymarket theatres.

After graduating from Cambridge, he was a Commonwealth Fund fellow at Harvard and then became a lecturer at Liverpool University before this was interrupted by war service in RAF Intelligence.

From 1942 till the end of the war he was a British Council lecturer in English at Istanbul University.

After his retirement, Humphreys held visiting professorships at Bogazici University, Istanbul, and at the University of Singapore.

M FRANCIS PONGE

M Francis Ponge, probably the last of the original generation of French surrealist poets, died on August 6 at the age of 89.

He was a highly idiosyncratic figure and during the last 20 years of his life lived as a recluse. But he received many honours, including the French National Poetry Prize in 1981.

His reputation rests on his lengthy, detailed descriptions of objects, dubbed "thing-poetry".

Ponge only began to be widely known with the publication of his second book, *Le Parti pris des Choses* (1942), translated into English as *The Voice of Things* in 1972.

Ponge's real aim was to avoid stereotype thinking. He sought to explain his method in *Le Grand Recueil* (1961), (The Grand Collection), above all his concentration on simple objects – stones, grass, directed towards a restoration of the power and purity of language.

In 1967 he published his best-known work, *Le Savon*, translated as *Soap* (1969), a long prose poem that is unique precisely because, and often very humorously, it exhausts the topic of the word and the thing.

Ponge was born at Montpellier into a Protestant family. He was educated in Paris, but, after studying law for a while, decided to devote himself to literature. His earliest poems appeared in 1923.

MAJOR FREDDIE GACHE

Major Freddie Gache, a former Gibraltar Minister for Information, Ports, Trade and Industry, has died at the age of 70.

He was a founder member of the Gibraltar Group in the U. K. and when the Franco regime started a blockade of the Rock, in pursuance of Spain's sovereignty claim, he became a key member of the Gibraltarian "lobby" in London.

Born and educated in Gibraltar, Gache left the army, after 21 years' service, in 1959 to go into business.

During the 1960s when the Franco's regime pressure was building up Gache used to be regularly in New York when the Gibraltar issue came before the United Nations.

In 1969 he stood successfully in the House of Assembly elections and was appointed Minister. As he used to commute from his London home to the Rock he became known as "the flying major."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Bommer
and Miss K.A. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Breton, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Bommer, of Jackson, Wyoming, United States, and Keeley Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Johnson, of Thundersley, Essex.

Mr G.W.D. Brewer
and Mrs S.G. Johnstone
The engagement is announced between George Brewer, of East Meon, Hampshire, and Gay Johnstone, of Hollycombe, Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr A.W. Jamieson
and Miss J.C.H. Green
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Rear Admiral and Mrs Ian Jamieson, of East Hagbourne, Oxfordshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Green, of Wimbledon.

Mr M.P. Lakin
and Mrs C.D. Shiach
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander Barklie Lukin, of West Meon, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Lakin, and Christina, wife of the late Peter Shiach, of Elgin, Morayshire, and daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick Dolan, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr T.R.H. Lodge
and Miss C.R. Sykes
The engagement is announced between Timothy Ralph Henry, elder son of Dr and Mrs R.M. Lodge, of Lake House, Dormans Park, Surrey, and Clarissa Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Sykes, of The Court House, Hambledon, Hampshire.

Mr A.P. Malvasi
and Miss S.K. Ainley
The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr A. Malvasi, of Kensington, and Suzanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Ainley, of Colemans Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex.

Mr J.L. Morton
and Miss L.M. Wettern
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Morton, of Aston Ingham, Herefordshire, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Wettern.

Mr D.J. Prideaux
and Miss S.M. Liddell
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Prideaux, of Doddershall Park, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr Ian Liddell, of Sheering, Essex, and Mrs Colin Carter, of Ousden, Suffolk.

Mr W.R. Richardson
and Miss A.K.W. Ostro
The engagement is announced between W. Randolph Richardson, of Shelburne, Massachusetts, and Anne, elder daughter of the late Mr E.A. Ostro and of Mrs E.A. Ostro, of Dulwich, London.

Mr P.D. Vail
and Miss A.C. Dutton-Forshaw
The engagement is announced between Paul Dominic, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Vail, of The Old Rectory, Upham, Hampshire, and Amanda Carol, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Dutton-Forshaw, of Pallingham Lock Farm, Pulborough, Sussex.

Marriages

Lieutenant-Colonel J.S. Brewer
and Dr P. Cory
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, August 6, in Westminster, between Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephen Brewer, 2nd KEO Goorkhar, and Dr Pamela Cory.

Mr B.G. Kent
and Mrs S.D. Stimson
The marriage of Mr Brian Geoffrey Kent and Mrs Stella Stimson took place on July 30, 1988, at Coalville Register Office. A service of blessing was held afterwards at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Appleby Magna, Staffordshire.

Mr S.R. Watts
and Miss M.L. French
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 6, 1988, at Islington Register Office, between Mr Simon Robert Watts, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Watts, of Ribchester, Lancashire, and Miss Michelle Law French, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E. French, of Emerson Park, Hornchurch, Essex.

A reception was held at Frederick's Restaurant, Camden Passage, and the honeymoon is being spent in the United States and Bermuda.

University degrees

Newcastle Upon Tyne
Faculty of Education:
The following have satisfied the examiners for degrees of Doctor of Philosophy:
K D Porteous, title of thesis:"Understanding Mathematics – Proof and Children's Autonomous Judgements."
Faculty of Engineering:
J Faiz: "Computational Methods for the Design of Multi-tooth-per-pole Switched Reluctance Motors."

Huddersfield Polytechnic
The following have obtained First Class Honours Degrees:
BSc Applied Chemistry: P G Barney
BSc Behavioural Sciences: R E Francis: S Verrier.
BSc Catering and Applied Nutrition: A M Sewell.
BSc Human Ecology: N Parrott.
BSc Textile Design: C E Doran: C A Hartland: D M Ramsden: C L Rogers: A L Smith.
BSc Transport and Distribution: M A Savell.
BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering: N W Abraham: S Andrews: M J McCullagh.
BEng Mechanical Engineering: S M Cage: R Hayes: R Pugh.
BA Accountancy Studies: J E Drake: A J Moorhouse.
BA Architectural Studies: M J Groves: A Raoof: A J Stoddart.
BA Business Studies: R R Airey: B C Wightman.
BA Hotel and Catering Administration: N C Orrin.
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Early tips for a budding violinist



A budding violinist, Daniel Biddulph, aged four, of Belsize Park, London, takes some valuable advice from Wendy Max during the children's workshop at the Lake District International Summer School and Music Festival.

Wendy Max is a well known music teacher for children and is on the staff of the junior departments of the Guildhall School of Music and the Royal Academy in London.

The festival lasts for 14 days and features many aspects of music as well as an exhibition of painting.

The inaugural performance at the festival this year was by the Chillingirian String Quartet, Louise Williams, Mark Butler, Levon Chillingirian and Philip DeGroote.

Security for Royal visitors

One hundred Civil Guards and national police are preparing in Madrid for the arrival today of the Princess of Wales and her family at the holiday palace of King Juan Carlos in Majorca.

British special branch officers are working with the Spanish authorities on the holiday island screening all staff at the clifftop Marivent Palace, near Palma, as well as employees at local bars and restaurants which the Royals might visit during their now annual stay.

There is a special alert for IRA terrorists, not only because of the resurgence of violence but also because the Gibraltar inquest into the shooting by the SAS of three IRA members in March is due to open on the Rock within a month.

The IRA are known to collaborate with ETA, the Basque separatist terrorist group, and already a secret operation is under way for security during Mrs Thatcher's visit to Madrid at the end of September and the Queen's State visit, the first to Spain by a British monarch, in October.

Prince Charles will join his family shortly after their arrival.

VAT victory in High Court for owners of sporting land

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

A five-year legal battle over whether value added tax should be levied on the sale of sporting land has ended in a victory for landowners.

The Customs and Excise Department has withdrawn its appeal against a High Court decision that it was not entitled to claim the tax on the sale of a fishery on the river Conway in North Wales.

Mr Adrian Baird, chief taxation adviser to the Country Landowners' Association, described the outcome as highly important for the future of all field sports.

"Every sporting estate owner will be delighted with the news that Customs and Excise have finally decided to back down", he said. "It is now quite clear that the sale of sporting land can go ahead without any risk of the VAT man's interference."

The case began when the trustees of the Plas Madoc estate received a bill for £12,000 on the basis that what they had purchased was a sporting facility. It should therefore be classed under "goods and services" rather than a straightforward land transaction, which did not attract value added tax.

A VAT tribunal found in favour of the trustees, and declared that the sale of land without planning permission for development did not come within the Customs and Excise remit.

The department then took the case to the High Court, where Mr Justice Harman rejected its claim and declared: "Prima facie, anything less like a supply of goods and services it would be difficult to find."

A Customs and Excise spokesman said yesterday that it had decided not to pursue its appeal because it saw no chance of overturning the High Court decision. Its interpretation of the judgment was that sales of freehold interests in relation to either fishing or shooting were exempt from value added tax; consequently anyone who had already paid the tax on such rights, and wished to claim a refund, should apply to his local value added tax office.

Transactions involving all other forms of fishing and shooting rights – disposals or assignments of leasehold interest, or the grant of leases or licences – remained subject to value added tax at the standard rate.

Latest estates

Mr Patrick Christopher **Steptoe**, of Blackfriars Street, Canterbury, Kent, formerly of 2 Ebberley House, Chapel Street, Hyde, Greater Manchester, the obstetrician and gynaecologist, who, together with the biologist Dr Robert Edwards, pioneered the test tube fertilization procedure, who chaired the British Fertility Society at its inception in 1973, and in 1980 founded the Centre for The Study of Human Reproduction at Bourn Hall, near Cambridge, left estate valued at £494,960 net.

Mr Hugh Andrew **Helmes**, of 4 Doughty Street, London, WC1, late barrister and a former company secretary at Unilever, who, during the early 1970s successfully represented the company in discussions over European trade harmonization, notably in protecting Walls' right to retain the name "ice cream", left estate valued at £248,880 net.

Mrs Lily Irene **Collins**, of 117 Banbury Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £734,672 net. After personal bequests, she left 3/4ths of the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Miss Kathleen Joyce **Lane**, of Silver Birches, Church Road, Chadlington, Oxon., left estate valued at £2,726,590 net. She left £500 each to the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies and the PDSA.

Mrs Mary **Furber**, of 9 Weaver Close, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £161,100 net. She left £2,500 to "Cancer Research," £2,000 to the League of Friends of Derby City Hospital, and the residue to St Leonard's Church, Thorpe, Ashbourne, for the equal benefit of the Church and the Churchyard Fund.

Professor Irene **Manton**, of Harrowby Crescent, Leeds, Emeritus Professor of Botany at Leeds University, and President of the Linnean Society 1973-76, left estate valued at £291,606 net. She left her pictures, Chinese books, music, musical instruments and small antiques to Leeds University and, after other bequests, the residue to the Linnean Society, London, for a Botany prize

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness ... as a bride adorneth herself with jewels.
Isaiah 61.10

BIRTHS

BRODRICK - On August 6th, at Akersberga, Sweden to Kristin and James, a daughter (Emilie Ana).

CROSS - On August 9th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Barbara and Stephen a daughter Sophie Jacqueline. Grateful thanks to all the staff. Let the pink champagne flow !

BEASY - On July 15th 1988, to Elizabeth (née Haynes) and Graham, a son, Oliver James Ralph.

GORDON - On August 9th, at Inverurie, to Lucy, wife of Andrew Gordon, a son, William David.

HIPEY - On August 10th 1988, to Sara (née Bonner) & Robin, a son Guy Frank, a brother for Rufus & Joanna.

KELLY - On August 10th at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead to Olive (née Buggie) and David, a son.

KENSER - On July 27th, to Angie (née Probert) and Chris, beautiful twins, Rosamar May and William Edmund.

LAMARQUE - On August 5th 1988, in Edinburgh, to Mary (née Uhl) and Peter, a son, Hugh Charles Graham, a brother for Toby.

LAZDA - On August 9th, in Stamford to Janet (nee Young) and Edgar, a son, Christopher David.

LEAHY - On August 4th 1988, to Alison (née Davies) and James, a son, Edward James.

MENZIES - On August 9th at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington to Sandra (née Mills) and Alasdair, a son Jonathan, a brother for Alexander and Andrew.

PERRY - On August 10th, to Angela and James, a son, Thomas James, weighing 81b 6oz, a brother for James and never forgetting Victoria.

PLAYFAIR-HANNAY - On August 2nd 1988, at Borders General Hospital, to Deborra (née Marks) and James, a daughter, Anna Jayne.

SOLE - On August 9th, at Addenbrookes Maternity Wing Cambridge, to Jacquie (née Smith) and Simon, a son, Christopher Charles.

SWIFT - On August 3rd, 1988, at St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth to Stephanie (née Beckley) and Leslie, a son Nathan Leslie, a brother for Glyn James.

WAGE - On August 9th 1988, to Sonja and Nicholas, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

LUCAS:CRANE - On Tuesday August 9th, quietly in London, John Lascelles, son of Ethel and Arthur Lucas of Woolmers Park, to Carroll Anne, daughter of John and Peggy Crane of Framingham, Boston, Mass.

READ:BARON - On Saturday July 6th 1988, in Winchester College Chapel, Jonathon, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Read, to Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baron.

TATE:STOKES - On Saturday August 6th 1988 at St. Peter's Church, Knossington, Leics Lt. Col. Sir Henry Tate, Bart. to Edna Stokes.

WELLS:FOREMAN - On Saturday July 16th, 1988, at Arva, Ontario, Canada, Michael, son of the Late Frederick Ernest Wells and Mrs Barbara Cooper of Erith, Kent to Elizabeth, daughter of Prof and Mrs John Foreman of Denfield, Ontario, Canada.

ANNIVERSARIES

REID:O'BRIEN - On August 11th, 1973 at St.Mary's, Ewell Village, Jacqueline, thank you for the last 15. Looking forward to the future: All my love, Tony.

DEATHS

BATEMAN - On August 10th, peacefully, Brenda Mary Collison Bateman née Weir, widow of H.M Bateman. Our dearly loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

BAZLEY - On August 9th, peacefully in New Hall Hospital Winifred Josephine, of Southampton Road, Ringwood, aged 74. Funeral service tomorrow, Friday 12th August at 9.45 am at Salisbury Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations to the Imperial Cancer Research, c/o H A Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wilts.

BOVING - On August 9th, 1988, after a short illness at Haslar Naval Hospital, Cecil Orten, husband of Margaret, father of Nicky and Belinda.

CALDICOTT - On August 9th 1988, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Lucy. Loved by all who knew her and adored by her husband Derrick over 48 years of marriage. Funeral service at Torquay Crematorium on Monday August 15th at 12.30pm. No flowers by request, donations if wished for Guide Dogs for the Blind c/o Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

CHICK - On August 9th, peacefully at Pigeon House, William Noel (Tim), aged 82 years. Funeral at Compton Valence on Monday, August 15th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Compton Valence Church repair fund c/o Manor Farm, Compton Valence, Dorset.

CLARK - On August 8th, suddenly, Charles Grant, loved and admired by Nita, Hugh and Yvonne. Funeral Service at Ruislip Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip on Monday 15th August at 3.30 pm. Flowers to Massey & Sons, 16-18 Lowlands Road, Harrow, before 1.00 pm. Memorial service to be held later.

COCHRANE - see Payne.

DUTTON - On August 6th, peacefully in hospital, James of Sidlesham Common, Chichester, youngest son of the late Rev William Thomas Dutton, one time Vicar of Sidlesham and beloved husband of Beryl, loving father of Nigel James and Grandfather of William and Nicholas. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Sidlesham, Friday August 12th at 2.30pm

FITTON - On 10th August 1988, after a short illness, Margaret (Peggy), widow of James, loved dearly by family and friends. Family funeral. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to The Artists Benevolent Fund.

HANNA - On August 8th, in hospital after a short illness, Muriel Ruth, maiden name Loxdale, beloved wife of Kenneth Hanna and mother of Patrick & Richard. Deeply mourned by her family and friends. Funeral service on Monday, 15th August at 11.15 at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 39 Brent St, NW4 or Donations to the British Heart Foundation

HARDY - On August 9th, peacefully in St. Christopher's Hospice, Jean, wife of Ross, mother of Caroline and grandmother of Robert. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium on Monday August 15th at 2.00pm.

KIDD - On June 14th, 1988, Grace Vera (née Wallace) in Montreal, Quebec. Beloved wife of Robert N.A. Kidd C.A. Dear mother of Jean Elizabeth. A private funeral was held in Montreal.

KINNIMONTH - On August 8th 1988, peacefully at Fairmile Marie Curie Home, Edinburgh, Sir William Hardie Kinnimonth (Past President of The Royal Scottish Academy). Dearly loved husband of the late Caroline, a very dear father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Edinburgh on Friday August 12th at 10.30am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. No letters please.

KNIGHT - On August 6th, at St Stephen's Hospital Chelsea, Stephen John Knight of Ashford, Middx. After a long illness. Much loved always by Paul, Mum and Dad, Karen and David. Service at St Matthews Church, Ashford on 11th August at 2pm, cremation at Hanworth crematorium at 3pm.

KOBLITZ - On August 7th peacefully, Otto Koblitz, much loved by his family and many friends. Funeral has taken place at Golders Green Cemetery.

LANGMORE - On August 3rd, Irene (Lucretia Elise Irene Gaspard) late of Coker House, East Coker, near Yeovil, Somerset, formerly of Brenfield, Anstye, Cuckfield). Cremation private. A Memorial Service will be held at a date to be announced later.

LEWIS - On Tuesday August 9th, 1988, peacefully, Major Cecil Jack of Ramsbottom, Lancashire, aged 84 years. Enquiries to Booth & Wolstenholme Ltd, (0706582) 6661.

LOXDALE - On Wednesday August 3rd, in Hampstead. Eve very dear wife of H.G. Loxdale

MAINZER - On the evening of August 9th, 1988, peacefully, Erwin Mainzer, a week before his 90th birthday Widower of Gartel, father of Susanne and Conrad and brother of Gerrard Cremation East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11 on Monday 15th August at 4.15pm. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, 624 Finchley Road, Golders Green, NW11 by Monday 3.00pm.

McLEAN JONES - On August 10th, Cyril, dear husband of Joan (nee Kent) at Draycott, Tarn Road, Handhead, late of Hong Kong Shanghai Bank. All enquiries to G.M. Luff, Funeral Directors 0428 3524.

NYKA - On August 8th, Sheila Scott (née Dalgleish), aged 75 of Farnham, formerly of Baltimore, widow of Dr. Walenty Nyka. Cremation at St. John's Crematorium on Tuesday, August 16th at 3pm. Donations if desired to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham.

PARKINSON - On August 9th 1988, peacefully at home after a series of illnesses, Nancy Bessie (née Giles). Dearly loved by her husband Jack and children Richard, John, Annis (Ann) and Sarah. The Funeral Service and cremation at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottinghamshire on Tuesday August 16th at 3.00pm.

PAYNE - On August 9th 1988, peacefully in Bognor Regis, Margaret (née Cochrane) affectionately known as Peggy, aged 86 years. Dearly loved wife of the late John Payne, mother of Anne and grandmother of Martin John and Laura Katherine of America. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on August 15th at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis Tel 0243 868630.

ROBINSON - On August 9th, peacefully at home, Henry Morris (Bob). Funeral at Fordcombe Church at 2.15pm on Wednesday August 17th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries (0892) 870372

SOMERVILLE - On August 9th 1988, peacefully Francis Somerville S.J, Requiem Mass at St Wilfrid's, Preston, on Monday 15th August at 1.30 pm. Requiescat in pace

SPRIGG - On August 9th, 1988, at Middlesex Hospital, W1, Stephen (Steve) aged 47. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, August 17th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Middlesex Hospital W1. All enquiries to Frederick Paine Funeral Services 01 994 0056.

TAUNTON - On August 9th, Evelyn, aged 97 years. Beloved wife of the late Edward Mitford Taunton and mother of Tom, Michael and Judy Massey Lynch. Requiem Mass at the Convent Chapel, Jane Hodge Home, Cardiff on Tuesday 16th August at 2.00pm followed by private burial. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Cardiff 0222 484506.

TOLMIE-THORNSON - On August 6th 1988, tragically Kaida, dearly loved daughter of Bruce and Helen, sister of Brucie, Simone and Vicky. Your sweetness and loving kindness surrounds us still and will forever. Thanksgiving Service at 2.00pm on Friday August 19th at Little Missenden Parish Church. Flowers may be sent to Cook's Funeral Service, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks. Tel 0494 791369.

WALKER - On August 8th 1988, peacefully at home Hilda Minnie, much loved wife of John. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium 12 noon Tuesday August 16th 1988. Family flowers only please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MENZIES - A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of the late Stuart Menzies will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London EC2 at 12 noon on 27th September 1988.

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Archaeology

Settlement of Madagascar

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

One of the most curious cultural phenomenons in antiquity, the settlement of Madagascar by Indonesians from thousands of miles away across the Indian Ocean, has been documented by recent archaeological research. The migration seems to have taken place about 1,500 years ago, and is reflected in both material, culture and language.

"Malagasy culture is a complex blend of traits from south-east Asia, east Africa, and other areas around the northern rim of the Indian Ocean", Dr Robert Dewar, of the University of Connecticut, said at a recent conference at the British Museum. "The most likely explanation for the penetration of south-east Asians is long-distance trade".

Since Madagascar was previously uninhabited, and therefore an unlikely target for merchants, they probably landed in Africa first, and then moved east to the great island, settling also in the Comores archipelago.

Estimates of the divergence of the Malagasy language from the other Austronesian tongues of south-east Asia put it 1,600 to 2,000 years ago. Some pottery found in the Comores suggest fourth or fifth century seafaring in this part of the western Indian Ocean, but the earliest radiocarbon date so far from Madagascar is equal to AD707, from the Lakatonianja rock shelter in the far north of the island.

The cave lies in the Gorge d'Andavakoera near the city of Antsiranana, where more than a dozen sites are now known with pottery crossdatable to the twelfth century by the presence of Middle Eastern ceramics, glass vessels, and stone bowls of chlorite schist. Dr Dewar believes that these were forest camps of people closely tied to the East African trade network.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Welsh in a melo' mood

Despite the state of European air traffic control and of the Costa del Sol, hanging yourself in preference to going on a package holiday to Spain could still perhaps be said to be something of an over-reaction.

It is a measure of the conviction of Tom Clarke's writing and, even more so, the acting of the excellent cast, that it seemed hardly exaggerated Celtic melodrama when, in *Out of Love* (BBC2), Thomas the Welsh farmer (Dafydd Hywel) chose a heavenly sky tour in preference to the more earthly variety in the company of his English lover, Ruth (Juliet Stevenson).

Admittedly, it was not just the prospect of those full English breakfasts that caused Thomas to kill himself for, like Bruce Chatwin's *On the Black Hill*, *Out of Love*, a full-length feature in the "Screenplay" series, was an intense drama of Welsh hill-farmers' familial conflict brought to the boil by the amorous intrusion of an educated English woman.

Even one of the twins from the film of Chatwin's book, Robert Gwilym, popped up as Ernest, an early suitor of Ruth, until his family stop him seeking comfort beyond the constraints of Chapel.

In *Out of Love*, as in *On the Black Hill*, a father figure stole the show. Emrys James, as Thomas's father, was naturally more at home in the valleys than *Black Hill's* Bob Peck, and, safe in the knowledge that he was not to die in full flow, he was able to produce a well paced, exquisitely nuanced cameo, which made a throw-away line about the size of a kitchen table bristle with Oedipal, nationalist and sexual conflict.

The relative significance of size also cropped up in *Wideworld* (BBC2), with the photographers and journalists of the *National Geographic*. The Arabist Tom Abercrombie worked out that, if his Washington home had the same population density as Fez, it would house 1,200 people instead of the two which he sometimes found a crowd.

Andrew Hislop

David Robinson on a British-made teenage beach party movie which has a pleasing period innocence

Safe in the shallows

CINEMA

Shag (15)
Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea

Anna (15)
Metro

King of the Children
ICA (from August 19)



Girlish fun: Phoebe Cates (left), Page Hannah and Bridget Fonda are three school-friends larking about in their lingerie in Zelda Barron's *Shag*

The title of *Shag* refers, for those who have forgotten or never knew, to a dance craze of the early Sixties. At least to judge from the film, the Shag brought with it music that now sounds remarkably stolid and heavy-footed compared with the frenzies of regular rock'n'roll. Perhaps, though, this impression is due to the particular selection of non-stop, album-destined period numbers, filled out with pastiche by the Voltage Brothers.

Shag marks the invasion of the United States by the British film producers Palace, who made *Company of Wolves*, *Absolute Beginners* and *Mona Lisa*. Whilst shooting at a safe distance from Hollywood, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, they play safe by sticking close to Hollywood stereotypes. The musical-nostalgia film is theoretically a sound bet: while teenagers can identify with players who are their contemporaries, the forties and over can revisit schoolday memories. *Shag* is set in the last happy summer just before the assassination of JFK on 22 November 1963.

In spirit it recalls beach party pictures of the Fifties; though the British producers and director, Zelda Barron, bring to it the more demure touch of Goldcrest's ill-fated "First Love" series.

Luanna (Page Hannah), Pudge (Annabeth Gish), Melaina (Bridget Fonda) and Carson (Phoebe Cates) are school friends, children of Southern conservative, God-fearing families. Her three friends decide to spirit Carson off to Myrtle beach for a weekend's fling before her marriage to the stuffy Harley (Tyrone Power Jnr).

The pairings-off and rivalries and inevitable arrival of Harley and Luanne's upper-crust parents, who think the girls are in Fort Sumter studying their Southern heritage, are too predictable to need description; the screenplay (by Robin Swicord, Lanier Laney and Terry Sweeney) hops from one couple to the other in the approved soap-opera method.

The performers — particularly Bridget Fonda as the group's beauty and Page Hannah as the glasses-and-no-passes one — are very attractive and expert. They are gravely handicapped, though, by the screenplay, which establishes their characters in strict two dimensions and (again soap-opera style) allows no real development in the course of the story.

Perhaps it is partly the fault of the screenplay, too, that Zelda Barron — who is clearly a capable director, particularly in her work with actors — never manages to any degree to exploit the location or catch the atmosphere of the Southern beach resort. It is refreshing all the same (and helpful in establishing the period) to have a teen' film without heavy sex or four-letter dialogue.

The over-16 audience might find themselves more at home at the Metro, with *Anna*, an enjoyable if uneven theatre story, with a tone of ironic detachment that seems more Polish (like its director and writer) than New York, where the story is set.

The writer, Agnieszka Holland — a director in her own right as well as the author of several scripts for Andrzej Wajda — has personally witnessed a lot of East European history. Her father died as a victim of Stalinist persecutions. In consequence she chose to study and marry in Prague; but found herself imprisoned there after the crackdown of 1968. In 1972 she returned to work in Poland, but quit to come to the West in 1982.

Holland , then, understands the predicament of the heroine. Anna was a star of the Czech movie renaissance of the Sixties but is now a refugee in her forties, reduced to understudying in off-Broadway theatres, shunned by her former husband who has sold out for the profit from commercials.

Anna takes under her wing a new-generation Czech emigrée, a young beauty called Krystyna. Krystyna swiftly masters American language and mores in a way that Anna never has; and soon becomes the cuckoo in the nest, getting the jobs and the men that elude Anna and — the final insult — stealing Anna's biography. Anna goes into a mental collapse and takes a pot shot at Krystyna. In a beautifully sardonic coda, Krystyna explains that she is solving Anna's problems by getting her a face-lift. "They do that in America."

The film is very much theatre-oriented. The first-time director Yurek Bogayevicz was an actor with Grotowski, and since emigrating to America in 1971 has worked as a stage director. Sally Kirkland, who plays the temperamental Czech with astonishing conviction, is a Lee Strasberg veteran who runs her own theatre workshops; and most of the rest of the cast come from the stage. The result is a picture of back-stage life and relationships whose grottiness is enjoyably credible.

The younger woman is played by Paulina Porizkova, a radiant beauty in the style of Nastassja Kinski or Isabella Rossellini. Porizkova is a world-class model who now debuts as a very promising actress. Her Krystyna is an incorrigible charmer, innocent of either morality or malice.

King of the Children is the third film by the outstanding young Chinese director Chen Kaige, who previously made *Yellow Earth* and *The Big Parade*. It is based on a short story by Ah Cheng, who was alongside Chen among the millions of educated young Chinese deported to work in the countryside under the Cultural Revolution.

The hero is another such youngster, who is taken from the rural barracks and sent to teach in a village school. In this remote place, human intractability — his own and his students — comes into instinctive conflict with the inflexibility of a system which aims to destroy the regional language along with much else of traditional culture.

Chen's sheer technical skill — or at least his pride in displaying it — becomes something of a barrier here. Though the film was apparently made very cheaply, there is a sense of the artistic effort drawing attention to itself at the expense of the underlying argument.

CONCERT

Making it clear

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Schoenberg's contact with Maeterlinck, like Debussy's at the same age, precipitated a crisis of self-discovery, though with almost the opposite creative effect. Where Debussy preserved and compounded the ambiguities of *Pelléas et Mélisande*, Schoenberg used all the Straussian means of musical representation to make it abundantly clear what is going on.

In the one case, music treats the text with discretion and thereby displays its greater range: in the other, the words are obliterated, but the graphic nature of the score keeps calling them to mind. Though one never thinks of Schoenberg while hearing Debussy, Schoenberg's symphonic poem keeps on recalling the play and therefore the opera.

It also keeps on recalling Strauss, and this is the greater difficulty for the conductor, since if it is performed as Strauss, then the decisively-characterized ideas will have to be played down in favour of the harmonic flow. The opposite alternative is to play down the Strauss and go for angular detail, but Matthias Bamert, conducting the score most impressively from memory, showed that it is possible to maintain a rich, Straussian tide and yet let all the contortions register — indeed, this must be done if the work is to sound as uncomfortable as it should, as incipiently atonal.

This was also most thoroughly Schoenbergian in being a deeply contrapuntal performance, so that for once the polyphonic threnody of wind instruments after Pelléas's death did not stand out as an abrupt piece of musical conscientiousness. If the vaults scene found it a bit naive in its weird effects, and the fate theme too dramatic, one could believe these could be faults of Schoenberg's overwhelming enthusiasm, so powerfully identified and projected here.

There was earlier a clear and understatedly witty performance of Mozart's D Major Flute Concerto by Philippa Davies, and a purposeful but buoyant account of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony that most effectively reached a solid downbeat only on the last chord.

Paul Griffiths

Royal family of dance

Kirov Ballet
Covent Garden

DANCE

If comments about the purity, aristocracy and classicism of the Kirov style have left the impression that this is a rather solemn company, then *The Corsair* which is being given at Covent Garden this week should dispel all such false illusions. This is genuinely art and entertainment.

The programme claims that the ballet is based on Byron's poem, but the links are tenuous. What you have is a mid-Victorian spectacle with dashing hero, faithful friend, virtuous heroines and wicked villains, stirred with liberal doses of love, betrayal, treachery and revenge.

Add to this colourful scenery spectacular stage effects including a convincing shipwreck and cascading fountains, and (most important) some excellent choreography magnificently danced, and I doubt there is a more enjoyable evening in any London theatre this week.

The choreography is credited to Petipa, and much of it looks like the genuine article: a dance for three pirates and their ladies which begins with two rousing pistol shots; the divertissement of living flowers; a trio of odalisques and throughout the ballet a cascade of glittering inventive solos for the heroine and her girl friend. Some parts have evidently been changed over the course of the years and some is modern pastiche, but the whole effect is highly satisfactory, especially danced as it was by last night's cast.



Extraordinary skills: Ruzimatov

As Medora, Altynai Asylmuratova brings the rich tone of her dancing, and her easy, polished technique to a role which requires her to spend a disproportionate amount of time either grieving for her lover, or in chains, or both, all of which she does wonderfully. Yelena Pankova as her fellow captive Gulnara, a more Dorabella-like character, has plenty of opportunities to display her light, soaring jumps and beautiful foot work while her blonde looks provide an admirable contrast to Asylmuratova's dark beauty.

Yevgeny Neff is as noble a corsair as one could wish, shedding the reserve which marked his performances earlier in the season and wearing his multitude of disguises with every appearance of enjoyment. His dancing was strong enough not to be overshadowed in the famous trio (generally shown adapted as a *pas de deux*) between Conrad, Medora, and Ali, the extraordinary Farukh Ruzimatov.

This I think is Ruzimatov's best role. It gives him a chance to display not only his fluid jumps and fast, multiple pirouettes — which he can slow down or speed up at will — but also his incredible plastique. Crouching by Conrad's side or at Medora's feet, his body has a wonderful modelled quality, like living sculpture.

Konstantin Zaklinsky as the sinister-comic slave dealer, the trio of odalisques, the *corps de ballet*, all deserve the highest praise. This is the Royal Family of dance having fun.

Judith Cruickshank

Quiet strength of character

London Festival Ballet
Festival Hall

Amid a profusion of visiting dance companies from three continents, London Festival Ballet has been quietly continuing its season on the South Bank and drawing good houses, in spite of the competition. Tuesday's performance of *La Sylphide* gave this season's guest star, Julio Bocca, the most interesting of his London assignments. Contrary to advance reports from abroad, it is not so much his technique you notice in this ballet as the quiet sincerity of his acting.

Bocca dances well, with a lively spring in his jumps, but we have seen these solos done as well or better before now. On the other hand, he made vividly memorable James's look of worried guilt when he thinks is infatuation with the Sylph is about to be exposed to his bride to be.

What Bocca needs at this stage of his career is to settle with a company that will develop his expressive gifts. That way he could become invaluable. Otherwise, once his youthful energy is gone, I fear he will prove only a shooting star — blazing up but soon gone.

His attentive concern for the story and the other characters undoubtedly helped Jane Haworth at her first performance of the title part. This is her first major role: a reward, it seems, for steady progress in lesser parts over the past couple of years.

Peter Schaufuss has a good habit of giving young dancers a chance to prove themselves. (I must mention, for instance, the fine showing which Laura Contardi and Christine Camillo made last week as, respectively, Odette and Odile in *Swan Lake*, with Alessandro Molin as their dashingly romantic Siegfried.) It often pays off, and Miss Haworth's Sylph is a case in point.

Her dancing is light, unforced and lucid; she plays the Sylph as a fascinatingly fresh, attractive creature who flickers in the sunlight and dies as sadly but unsentimentally as a butterfly.

Another newcomer, Marguerite Donelle, made a touchingly simple, pretty character of James's abandoned fiancée, and Camillo led the attendant Sylphs with crisp fluency. Peter Ernst Lassen, conducting, gave a lively account of Loevenskjold's score in its expanded version.

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THEATRE

DONALD COOPER



Overwhelming scene of parting: Brian Cox as Vershinin, bursting with emotion, Harriet Walter as Masha

A definitive production of Chekhov will never be possible. The prevailing mood, the tenor of particular scenes and the shifts within them are a coming together of infinite numbers of precise decisions. As well as this, there is the matter of translation — a thorny difficulty in all Russian plays, but pre-eminently so when dealing with the allusive speeches of Chekhov.

John Barton, director of this fine production — the first RSC Chekhov for 10 years — comments on the problem in a note in the programme (excellent value, by the way, for £1, with long contributions from Harriet Walter and Brian Cox, the production's Masha and Vershinin). Barton points out that one of Olga's lines translates literally as "I would love husband"; so it is up to the director and actress to decide whether to make this "I would love to have a husband," or "I would have liked to have a husband," or, as here, "I would have loved my husband," chosen presumably because of the contrast with Masha, whose pedantic husband bores her to pieces.

The version this production uses is Barton's own, based on a literal translation by Helen Rappaport, and restores a few passages absent from other English editions. The majority of these appear to be the equivalent of grace notes, but there is one major restitution in Masha's final speech, which was always curiously shorter than the closing speeches of her sisters.

The depth of feeling required to express Masha's original lines, despairing yet valorous, about "the cranes that fly on and on, for thousands and thousands and thousands of years", was seemingly outside the range of Olga Knipper, the first Masha and Chekhov's wife. She implored him to cut them and obediently he did so: 87 years later we have them back where I trust they will remain. The full speech is certainly within Harriet Walter's soaring range as she points high above the heads of the audience, radiant in the falling light, inspired and for that brief moment commanding her emotion.

The strength of her performance is such that Masha becomes the cornerstone of this production, but a triangular cornerstone because of the equivalent strengths of David Bradley's Kulygin, owner of a nutmeg-grater voice that would try the sanity of any wife, and Brian Cox's Vershinin. Like other men of ample girth, Cox has the ability to move with dapper grace; his voice has a similar neatness, through the bounds of which his emotions finally burst with an infinity of accumulated pain. The parting scene is overwhelming.

Deborah Findlay overemphasizes Olga's tones of complaint, and Stella Gonet plays up the imperceptiveness in Irina's character. But the production contains no performance that is seriously below par. Bruce Alexander's confession as Andrey is exquisitely quiet, while Pippa Guard's odiously maternal Natasha would almost justify infanticide. Set on a wooden plinth, of the kind that clocks are placed on under glass, and enclosed within a half-circle of lichenous birch trees, the evening is long (three and a quarter hours) but amply, beautifully filled.

Jeremy Kingston

Don't Go Away Mad
Donmar Warehouse

Reasons to believe

The setting of this previously unperformed play by William Saroyan is the terminal cancer ward for men at a San Fransisco hospital. To be more accurate, the sitting room of the ward (Voytek's set, festooned with Christmas decorations and lined with curling murals of the Golden Gate and Alcatraz, is a little gem of institutional would-be cheeriness), for the men we see, dressed in regulation hospital pyjamas and gowns, are those well or determined enough to hang on to a little more life by resisting Dr Bohan's medications and the nurse's advice to get to bed.

Georgie Porgie, looking, in Michael Moriarty's magnetic performance, as one imagines Robert Lowell's Uncle Devereux Winslow might have looked, is dying in style: tall and debonair, wearing a stripy satin dressing gown instead of the regulation green, he bounces in the first morning doing keep-fit exercises.

His resistance is more than a purely personal matter: he organizes it as a group activity, almost a war-time one, attempting to channel frustrations and overcome fears so that each man's days may not be cut short.

He diverts the all-consuming hunger of angry black Greedy Reed (Stefan Kalipha) into words, and the dictionary turns out to provide surprising nourishment. Brick (Phillip Joseph) likes to look across to the lights of Alcatraz and feel that he is a free man: Georgie Progie tries (and fails) to persuade him that incurability is an inescapable part of the human condition.

Not much happens in this play — indeed the more obvious pieces of action tend to seem contrived — yet it is neither boring nor, in the end, depressing. Its real climaxes — located by the director, Keith Hack, with an apparent casualness which is the art which conceals art — are small epiphanies, memories of inconsequential moments of happiness which are what make people want to go on living.

For Georgie Porgie it is a dream of drinking Coca-Cola on a porch; for Brick, the story of how he stopped in a park full of girls in the middle of a cycling race. When Phillip Joseph tells it, there are five minutes of spellbound attention.

This may not be a great play, but there are enough good things in it to more than merit this belated bringing-to-light. Director and cast (no weak links) certainly provide a lesson in letting a text speak.

Harry Eyres

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BOOKS

The daubers of Venice

Tom Lubbock scans the canals for painters of processions and miracles, and finds more than meets the eye

VENETIAN NARRATIVE PAINTING IN THE AGE OF CARPACCIO
by Patricia Fortini Brown
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Mere illustration or a documentary in oils? The Departure of the Ambassadors, by Carpaccio, from the collection at the Accademia, Venice

Patricia Fortini Brown takes off from a typically loopy remark of Ruskin's that Carpaccio was "never to be thought of as a responsible person, but only as a kind of magic' mirror which flashes back instantly whatever it sees beautifully arranged, but yet will flash back commonplace things often as faithfully as others".

But no, she argues, Carpaccio's was not an "innocent eye"; he was telling stories. And like Gentile Bellini, Mansueti, and the other painters of civic and sacred narratives in Venice at the turn of the 15th and 16th centuries, he was telling them within a particular visual and conceptual framework. Consequently the "innocent eye" of the modern viewer may be "charmed" by these scenes (as Brown rather rudely puts it), but without benefit of background homework it misses a lot.

Brown's approach, then, to what she still calls the "eyewitness" manner of these artists is similar to Michael Baxandall's, and involves digging out contemporary documents, pictures, and anything else that will help recreate the "cognitive style" and the "period eye" of the painters and their original viewers.

There is no ideological axe being ground here, though there is the suggestion, not very seriously pursued, that narratives keep a society sane. She is in favour of sanity; and doesn't surrender much to enthusiasm, apart from a certain scholarly glee in revealing how uncommonly alien were some of the ways of Venetian mind, (though there is nothing as boggling as Baxandall's suggestion that the mercantile eye of Piero saw people as corn-bags).

She first establishes that these pictures were regarded not simply as illustrations of stories, but in some way as themselves documentary evidence for the events they showed, and that consequently the painter's business was to make them look realistic. She then asks what counted as "realistic" for Venetians at this time, and finds the answer in the style of contemporary chronicles, with their gratuitous accumulation of not very relevant details around whatever is the main event. Which is not unlike – and however painstaking the scholarship, the connective reasoning is always a bit impressionistic – *not unlike* the sort of effects you find, say, in the series of paintings of "The Miracles of the True Cross", which fill a room in the Accademia. Here the key incidents are often buried in a mass of other activities; as for example in Carpaccio's "Exorcism", where the miracle is lodged in the corner of a busy canal scene.

So he is not a "magic mirror", she argues, nor is he even making the point – what Auden says about Brueghel – that life goes on. He is just observing the conventions of his time and place. What makes the argument slightly awkward, of course, is that his criteria are oddly like our own, as Brown's use of the name "eye-witness" surely attests, even though his stories are in many ways "made up". And so it seems that really Ruskin wasn't so much mistaken as taken in; he thought what Carpaccio in a way wanted him to think.

With similar techniques, she answers many questions that might strike even the innocent eye. Whence, for example, did Carpaccio and Gentile Bellini get their very clear ideas about parts of the world they had never been to? Not just from reconstituting Venice in Egypt, or from pure "imagination": rather it was a mixture of literal and visual hearsay, combined with oddments of their own experience. (Here, as throughout, the argument is well illustrated with other bits of visual evidence.)

Or why does Carpaccio construct the romantic legend of St Ursula almost entirely in the form of a succession of civic ceremonies? Answer (in crude precis): he has processions in the head, they all did.

But here is a limitation too: Brown is only interested in the questions that get this sort of answer. And her "period" Carpaccio is, in different ways, not much more of a "responsive person" than Ruskin's. Though she is all for emphasizing narrative as such, she is not very curious about the stories themselves. She describes very well the actions and set-ups of the St Ursula paintings, say, but does not relate the formalities to the unfolding adventure: something that would surely have been of concern to his contemporaries and, given narrative painting is 'back' at the moment, is to us. And maybe thinking that narrative makes for sanity stops her from observing that Carpaccio is often a bit mad, gratuitous in ways that are not to be explained in these terms: or, to put that another way, a chapter on animals would have been very interesting. All the same, there are many fascinating facts and noticings here, and the pictures (40 full colour plates) are wonderful.

Black Sea sketches

FICTION

Elaine Feinstein

SCENES FROM RUSSIAN LIFE
By Vladimir Soloukhin
Peter Owen, £13.95

IN THE COUNTRY OF LAST THINGS
By Paul Auster
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SWEET DESERTS
By Lucy Ellman
Virago, £10.95

Here are three excellent writers who are continents apart in their preoccupations. In **Scenes from Russian Life**, Soloukhin writes with equal ease about the Moscow Writers' Union and peasant Russia, orchards of tangerines or a hunting expedition in winter. His stories assume that nothing that has happened this century has much changed basic human emotions: "There lives in man one age-long need – to share joy."

In the title story the narrator is at his very happiest, on holiday at the Black Sea with a beautiful young girlfriend, when a surgeon, rebuffed by the girl, taunts him with the information that the black bead growing on his thigh is probably a melanoma. His dealings with the Soviet health service thereafter are described with dry wit: there is much about the human wish to be deceived. Soviet medical wisdom, it seems, does not much encourage doctors to give patients an accurate prognosis, in case the resulting gloom inhibits the immune response. Telling the truth is thought to be an American fad. Equivocal praise, since America is also mocked as the land where millionaires are put to sleep in ice so they can awake to future life as people return to consciousness after anaesthetic.

Soloukhin evokes more primitive emotions with coolness and clarity. In *Little Girl by the Edge of the Sea* he tells the story of a writer on holiday who, on an impulse, urges his troubled landlady not to have an abortion. Twelve years later he recognizes in the hare-lip of a little girl on the sea shore the consequence of that advice. The story is told as barely as Maupassant, so that the reader first feels a banal regret, and then is overwhelmed by overhearing in the voice of the mother chivvying a child to change her clothes how much the disfigurement has become an irrelevance.

Paul Auster imagines, in *In The Country of Last Things*, an apocalyptic extremity where the hand of every man is against every man; a vision of the future that works on us as it does by evoking the horrors of the European past. The central figure, Anna Blume, has travelled to an unnamed city in search of her lost brother. Most forms of food distribution have broken down, so that municipal shops only have job lots of random goods like stale chocolate cake or radishes. Shelter is hard to find.

Anne Blume becomes one of those who live by scavenging for objects in the streets, alone at first and then in alliance with a couple who live in a brick apartment building, brought there by a woman she has rescued. Anna's relationship to that woman is one of the most moving in the book; she gives her succour when she is dying by pouring liquid on her tongue and in doing so recalls an incident from Primo Levi's account of Auschwitz. Her act of kindness offers a moment of relief in a world where people deliberately jog themselves to death, join assassination clubs or leap from windows.

The charm of Lucy Ellman's **Sweet Desserts** lies partly in the fact that it is hardly a novel at all, more of a witty monologue, and partly because the voice in which it speaks is so recognizably that of a new generation, just as the landscape (the novel moves between West Hampstead and Manhattan) is of modern cities.

The narrative includes recipes, personal ads from the sexually hungry, and old jokes from stand-up comics. The voice is that of Suzy Schwartz, whose strongest feelings are the wish to have considerably more unromantic modern coupling, sibling rivalry and a lust for cookies. Love for her father takes over the narrative when he is diagnosed as dying from a neurological illness. The loneliness of his suffering convinced me most sharply when he is choking, a moment which brings home horribly the essential separateness of human beings.

A Glass, darkly

Paul Griffiths

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By Philip Glass
Faber & Faber, £17.50

Philip Glass's naïvety is awe-inspiring, whether it is shown in the repeating patterns and colossal slowness of his music or now in his prose. What is one to make of a man who describes the Berlin Nefertiti bust as "probably one of the best-known works of art of all time"; and just a few pages later calls Akhnaten "a man so unusual, even unique, as to be virtually unprecedented in Egyptian, and therefore human, history"? And this is somebody who has written an opera about these people.

Evidently we are dealing with a man who is himself pretty unusual, even unique, and no doubt virtually unprecedented – except in so far as the roots of his music are to be found in Terry Riley and LaMonte Young, neither of whom he mentions. But the past is not his strong point. In speaking of his casting of Akhnaten as a counter-tenor, for instance, he is wrong to suggest that "Late Renaissance and Baroque operas routinely used this type of voice to sing female parts": that was a speciality of the castrati in Rome, where women were forbidden the stage.

More serious, because one might have hoped for more, is his discounting of his own history. It was, after all, in his works of the late Sixties and early Seventies that he learned how, through repetition, musical platitudes could become strange and wonderful. And yet these works are only briefly considered in a chapter headed "Apprenticeship of Sorts". For Glass, clearly, the important things are the three operas that had been completed before this book (there have been two since): *Einstein on the Beach*, *Satyagraha*, and *Akhnaten*, for all of which he gives commentaries, musical notes, and librettos.

It is rather as if Gertrude Stein, having said "a rose is a rose is a rose", had been persuaded that she was making excellent sense, and encouraged to answer the riddle of the universe.

Laying bare the daily trivia of the Windsors

Hugo Vickers

THE SECRET FILE OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR
By Michael Bloch
Bantam Books, £14.95

Michael Bloch would have us believe that this book has been brewing since 1975, and that the Duchess "confided many documents into the care of her French lawyer and confidante, Maître Suzanne Blum, along with written instructions that they were to form the basis of a book relating the unknown story of the ducal exile". In the correspondence columns of this paper, Bloch declared that this authorization was dated 17 May 1975. I wrote in reply, hoping that scholars might be allowed to see this document. I am not wholly surprised that, like previous such challenges, my request has been unanswered.

I have long found the ramifications of the abdication crisis an absorbing study, but having read Mr Bloch's book, I think I have had enough. I do not believe that the Duke or Duchess would have wanted it published, nor would anyone wish such private letters to come out in this way, especially as they themselves emerge in such a dismal light.

Mr Bloch's approach is nothing if not partisan to the Windsors. He states more than once that the Duke "was ignored by the court and all of his relations. He was unable to see any of them except for a single meeting with the King". The one person that Bloch finds it hard to fault is the present Queen. When criticizing the Duchess's funeral arrangements he might have put on record the fact that the Queen, the Queen Mother and a number of the Royal Family were present, but I suppose he felt that this weakened his case.

It would be wrong if I did not concede that there is some new material in this book, though a great deal of it we could do without. For example, Bloch takes it upon himself to paraphrase a letter from Queen Mary's physician explaining the way she was dying, and quotes the embittered Duke's verdict after her death: "I'm afraid the fluids in her veins have always been as icy cold as they now are in death." Would any son wish this published about his mother? Would the Duke or Duchess wish us to know that he suffered from colitis?

I am sorry that the Windsors have not been allowed to rest in peace. And above all that Maître Blum did not cease her activities on their behalf following the highly successful jewellery sale in Geneva last year. I see no point in dragging up all the petty bickering of the past. The cause of the Windsors was ill-served by the publication of this book.

Landed, if not gentry

Jonathan Meades

THE ALLOTMENT: ITS LANDSCAPE AND CULTURE
By David Crouch and Colin Ward
Faber & Faber, £13.95



Colin Ward is a topological investigator of neglected landscapes, despised eyesores, places that planners and tourist boards wish had never happened. A few years ago he wrote, with Dennis Hardy, an enthralling history of the south-east's coastal and rural shanty settlements, places where the urban working class could recreate itself or returning servicemen could, after the Great War, go some way towards realizing Jesse Collings's vision of "three acres and a cow".

Allotments may not connote the *ad hoc* Utopianism that the "plotlands" do, but they are born of the same impulse towards self-help and productive leisure, and they too have fostered an hermetic culture which is a rich pit for the oral historian.

This importance (unlike the authors' prose) goes far beyond the utilitarian; indeed, the actual cultivation of vegetables which will suffer the fate of becoming food is at best only an excuse for English men – they're nearly all men – to build alternative castles, havens from the home, mysterious organisms whose huts, like nests, are often ingeniously constructed from found objects.

They go in for the horticultural perversions of giant leeks and mega-marrows, for pigeons, for pottering about the hut where "fancy women" have been kept and where whole families, turned out of pit cottages, have lived. The authors, last year, found a homeless man living on an allotment in the north-east; it is surprising that, given the indigence and long-term unemployment that is seemingly endemic to that part of the country, they did not find many more.

For those of us who are drawn to autumn smoke on the fringes of towns and who admire the functional beauty and resourcefulness of improvised structures and of a land use which is bizarrely akin to the Celtic open strip field system, I suspect that allotment politics (which, with its schisms and busybodies, is like all other politics) will be something of a bore.

But it should not be thus dismissed, for the endless pamphlets and pressure groups bear witness to a struggle of vital moment at a time when people simply could not afford to eat. The fact that the result of that century-old struggle is the right to grow a four-foot leek is neither here nor there: the creation of the allotment movement and the consequent Allotment Acts of 1887 and 1908 were tiny steps on the path away from the virtual enslavement that the urban working class enjoyed in the 19th century. In a small way allotments allowed people otherwise deprived of it to experience self-respect and autonomy.

The grave mystery of allotments seems especially poignant. Carel Weight and Stanley Spencer have touched on this mystery which is unexplainable; Messrs Crouch and Ward are, as sociologists must be, far too materialistic to risk contamination by such matters. I think they want the world to stay a prosey place.

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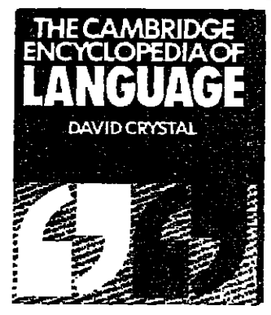
Nijinsky, by Derek Parker (Equation, £14.95). *Le Figaro* in 1912 called him "filthy", "bestial", "crude" and "loathsome". Off-stage he looked like a bank clerk.

Broker of Death, by Hermann Moll with Michael Leapman (Macmillan, £12.95). Moll was arrested for dealing arms to Iran, but was saved by the Iran-Contra scandal. "Potentially explosive revelations. . ."

Nothing to Forgive, by Lyndall P Hopkinson (Chatto, £12.95) A life of novelist Antonia White by one of her daughters. Attempts to set the record straight after the previous biog by her other daughter, Susan Chitty.

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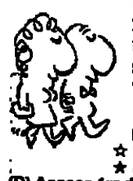
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm. £6-£11.

☆ **DON'T GO AWAY MAD:** US actor Michael Moriarty in first production over here of William Saroyan's hospital play of 1948.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm, £6-£11.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-5.30pm. £5-£14.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings: with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm. £5-14.50.

☆ **KEEPING TOM NICE:** Lucy Gannon's award-winning play, directed by Bill Buffery: the stress within a family coping with a handicapped son.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Opens tonight 7pm, then in repertory, £6.50-£8.50.

☆ **MODIGLIANI:** Jonathan Oliver is a painter of almond-eyed girls in this Off-Broadway success.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Opens tonight 7pm, then Tues-Sun, 8pm, £6, £3.50 concessions.

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

☆ **THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD:** Revived D'Oyly Carte company present Gilbert and Sullivan's close encounter with real opera.
Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm. In rep with *Iolanthe*, playing one week each and changing every Thurs. £7.50-£17.50; mats £4-£12.

☆ **ZIEGFELD:** Topol steps into the lead in latest bid to save the £3million show.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Ring Around the Moon:** Anouilh's bitter-sweet comedy of love and money. Starry cast includes Jose Ferrer in his British stage debut.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, (0243 781312). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Thurs mat 2.30pm. £5-£12.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BABETTE'S FEAST (U):** One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ **BROADCAST NEWS (15):** Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L. Brooks (Terms of Endearment); with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.40, 7.35.

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40.

A HANDFUL OF DUST (PG): Directed by Charles Sturridge, James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 3.10, 5.40, 8.20.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 6.30, 8.45.

HAWKS: British black comedy, set in the fleshpots of Amsterdam and London, with Timothy Dalton and Anthony Edwards as two men faced with the prospect of death. Written by Roy (*Last of the Summer Wine*) Clarke; directed by Robert Ellis Miller (110 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories, with knockabout visual gags and simple but effective animation (78 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20, 8.30.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-622 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723-2011). Progs 11.15am, 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 11.30am, 1.30, 3.30, 6.00, 8.50.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 11.45am, 1.35, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **POLICE ACADEMY V (PG):** More looney antics from the US police squad, starring Bubba Smith, David Graf and Michael Winslow (90 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
Warner West End (01-439 0791) 2.25, 4.30, 8.40.

PRINCE – SIGN 'O' THE TIMES: Concert film with Sheena Easton (85 min).
Dominion (01-580 9562). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.

TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long lost son (Gary Oldman). (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45 6.50, 9.00.

VICE VERSA (PG): Lively variation on F. Anstey's comic fable, with Judge Reinhold as the workaholic department store executive who swaps bodies with his young son (Fred Savage). Directed by Brian Gilbert (98 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.



Pecking order: pigeon man and cricket fan Arthur (Ian Mercer) and his suffering wife Amy (Julia Lane)

The fancy man homes in

In his latest comedy, *The Fancy Man*, Mike Stott returns to the theme that brought him his greatest success 12 years ago with *Funny Peculiar* – how to bring back fun, games and a sense of direction into a marriage that has lost its sexual way. In his 1976 hit Richard Beckinsale tried to introduce his partner to unfamiliar practices: this time Stott looks at the problem from the female side. Arthur (Ian Mercer) cares more for his pigeons and a good game of cricket than for his adoring wife Amy (Julia Lane), who decides to start something to bring him back to her. The play's novelty lies in the way a private problem soon becomes a matter of public concern, with the whole town on tenterhooks to learn the truth of what appears to be going on. As the pigeons and the cricket suggest, Stott places his comedy in the north of England, and, unlike the bang-up-to-the-minute world of *Funny Peculiar*, the time is the early 1920s. Alan Dossor again directs and the cast includes Bernard Gallagher as the local doctor, confidant and go-between. *The Fancy Man*, Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9301). Previewing from tonight 8pm. Opens August 17, 7pm. £5-£7.50.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERTS

☆ **COMPLETE HAT:** Falla's ballet *The Three-Cornered Hat* is given complete by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the ladies of the Holst Singers plus Margaret Marshall (soprano) and Christine Cairns (mezzo). But first comes Mendelssohn's incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Roberto Gerhard's Dances from *Don Quixote*. Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **CLASSICAL POPS:** The London Concert Orchestra is conducted by Fraser Goulding in such old favourites as Johann Strauss II's *Emperor* Waltz, Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 (soloist, Jack Rothstein), Ravel's *Bolero*, Bizet's *Carmen* Suite and Rossini's *William Tell* Overture.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £6.50-£12.50.

OPERA

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** Healthy revival of Peter Hall's production, now with Fiorella Pediconi and Walter MacNeil. Sian Edwards conducts.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 5.50-9.50pm, returns only.

ROCK

★ **JOAN ARMATRADING:** Promoting her 13th album, *The Shouting Stage*, this is Armatrading's first tour in over two years. Will clamouring hordes of Tracy Chapman fans start turning out to see her?
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771) 8pm, £9-£10.50.

☆ **SAM MANGWANA:** Zairean singer and composer. His biggest breakthrough was in 1982 with his acclaimed recording of the Congo classic "Maria Tebbo". Back in the international spotlight, promoting last year's successful *Afadji* album.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

☆ **THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH:** Second division punks rapidly slipping into terminal decline.
Baltabarin Ballroom, Downham Tavern, Downham Way, Bromley (01-695 5099) 7.30pm, £4.50-£5.

JAZZ

☆ **ABDULLAH IBRAHIM:** After his triumphant Astoria concert, the South African pianist returns for a solo piano recital, less accessible than his work with Ekaya but rewarding all the same.
Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-568 1176) 10pm, £5.

☆ **DON WELLER:** The ever-dependable tenor player appears tonight with the Joe Palin Trio.
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **CLAUDE DEPPA:** A spirited soloist, the South African trumpeter is a veteran of the Brotherhood of Breath and Jazz Warriors.
Storm Club, Drummonds, 73 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-387 4566) doors open 9pm, £4 (£2 after 12.30am).

☆ **ALL THE FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS:** The season of jazz-inspired films ends with the unlikely Robert Wagner-Natalie Wood vehicle. Plus Shirley Clarke's "The Cool World".
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647) 6.30pm, £2.50 + 75p day pass. Until Sat.

DANCE

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£16.50.

☆ **DIVERTISSEMENT:** Moscow Classical Ballet in short showpiece dances.
Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London, N1 (01-836 1226) £6.50-£26.50.

★ **THE CORSAIR:** The Kirov Ballet's spectacular production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, day tickets (£8).

☆ **BANDA:** Voodoo hocus pocus for Dance Theatre of Harlem, with Voluntaries and the Gershwin Concerto in F.
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10pm £6.50-£25.

GALLERIES

DAVID EVANS (1929-1988): See caption.
Redfern Gallery, 20, Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until Sept 14.

LANCE SMITH: Gestural landscape paintings and drawings of the last five years.
Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Sept 3.

PIETRO LONGHI (1702-1785): Paintings of polite Venetian society.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 4.

DAVID SMITH (1906-1965): Drawing from the 1950s by an influential American abstract sculptor.
Anthony d'Offay, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Aug 12.



Water colourist David Evans (1929-88) was tragically killed on his bicycle recently while pedalling to a stint of voluntary work at his local Suffolk hospital. The present commemorative exhibition (see listing) features pictures from the last six years which reflect the rural domesticity of his life. His garden and its surrounding landscape supplied him with endless subjects – such as Gladioli (above) – which occasionally manifest themselves in fantastic, faintly disturbing images. It was this ability to render the ordinary extraordinary that remains his chief claim on our attention.

WALKS

THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE – 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Thurs).

JACK THE RIPPER: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £2.50.

A GHOST WALK – THE HAUNTED WEST END: meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

OTHER EVENTS

BATH GUILDHALL ANTIQUES FAIR: Dealers from England, Scotland and Wales. Pre-1890 datelines observed.
The Guildhall, High Street, Bath, 11am-6pm. Adult £2, accompanied child £1.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM OF WALES: Daily programme of activities for children aged 7-13, based on life and customs in medieval Wales.
National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff (info: 0222 397951). Until Sept 2.

A FAREWELL TO FLEET STREET: For 15-year-olds and over. This morning, find out more about the current exhibition – the past and future of the newspaper industry, with Bill Tucker, chief engineer for *The Guardian*. This afternoon explore "The Street" and the hidden alleys and courtyards behind.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Workshop 11.30am-1pm. Walk from 2pm, free.

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP: For 7 to 12-year-olds, printmaking with William Brown. Take apron.
Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (info: 0752 660060). 10.30am-12.30pm, £2.50.

HORNIMAN CHILDREN'S EVENTS: *Tales from the Tents* – meet the storyteller at a different tent each day. Stories and tents from Mongolia, Tibet, the Sahara, Persia, the Himalayas and the Blackfoot Indians. Also today, at the bandstand, a children's show with Professor Starlite.
Horniman Museum and Library, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 (01-699 1872). Tales – today until Sat inclusive, 11am and 2pm. Show today 3pm. All events free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking for 10th anniversary season, with new productions of *Lucia di Lammermoor* with Valerie Masterson, Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges* designed by The Brothers Quay, and revival of David Freeman's *La Bohème*. Oct 18-22.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922).

FLORESTAN, EUSEBIUS AND MONSIEUR CROCHE: Concerts featuring music of Schumann and Debussy, at the Orangery, Kenwood, and Ranger's House, Blackheath. Performances by Susan Bickley, Julius Drake, Howard Shelley, Allegri String Quartet, Malcolm Binns. Sept-Oct. Tickets: Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-379 5533).

ROYAL EXCHANGE: Priority booking for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Macbeth*, with David Threlfall and Frances Barber. Sept-Dec.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061 833 9833).

LAST CHANCE

LONDON FESTIVAL OF NEW CIRCUS: Circus of spectacle and participation includes Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe from China, Ra Ra Zoo and Circus Senso from UK; and world première of "Ship of Fools" circus bonanza massive celebration including Circus Burlesque. Free entertainments with performers from Brazil, France and UK. Ends Sun.
Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

GAINSBOROUGH IN BATH: Bicentenary exhibition of paintings done during artist's residence in Bath between 1759 and 1774. Ends Sun.
Holbourne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, Bath (0225 66669).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 10

FURFURACEOUS
(b) Covered with small scales, like bran or dandruff, from the Latin *furfur* the husks of grain, sc. bran.

ONEIRODYNIA
(a) A nightmare, or a proclivity to having nightmares, from the Greek *oneiros/on* a dream + *deinos* terrible.

PYRETIC
(c) Feverish, from the Greek *pur* fire, cf. and contrast *feverish*: "Already the broadleafed oaks of every coppice and hurst had turned, pyretic, sealing their poisons away for the time of cold."

ZIM
(c) According to the *OED* a spurious word for a gem or jewel; so *zimmed* would mean covered with jewels, quite a nice word, even if spurious.

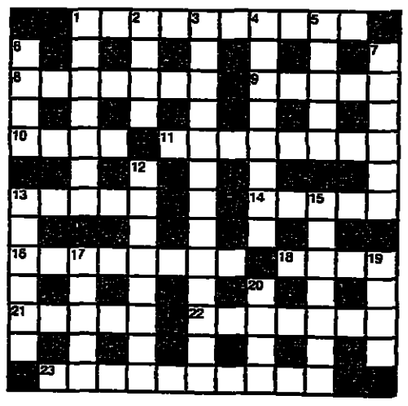
BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending August 6

FICTION			
1	**Café de Paris,** Nicholas Wollaston	*Constable*	£10.95
2	**Love in the Time of Cholera,** G Garcia Marquez	*Cape*	£11.95
3	**The Sheikh and The Dustbin,** G Macdonald Fraser	*Collins Harvill*	£10.95
4	**The Bonfire of The Vanities,** Tom Wolfe	*Cape*	£12.95
5	**Summer's Lease,** John Mortimer	*Viking*	£10.95
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1	**A Brief History of Time,** Stephen King	*Bantam*	£12.95
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3	**The Secret File of The Duke of Windsor,** Michael Bloch	*Bantam*	£14.95
4	**Duchess,** Andrew Morton	*O'Mara*	£10.95
5	**Never Despair – Winston Churchill 1945-65,** Martin Gilbert	*Heinemann*	£25.00
PAPERBACKS			
1	**Moon Tiger,** Penelope Lively	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
2	**In The Land of Oz,** Howard Jacobson	*Penguin*	£ 4.95
3	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being,** M Kundera	*Faber*	£ 3.95
4	**The Radiant Way,** Margaret Drabble	*Penguin*	£ 3.95
5	**1992 European Challenge,** Paolo Cecchini	*Wildwood House*	£ 6.95
6	**Whale Nation,** Heathcote Williams	*Cape*	£ 8.95
7	**Straight on Till Morning,** Mary S Lovell	*Arrow*	£ 3.99
8	**The Remake,** Clive James	*Picador*	£ 3.95
9	**Historic Houses Castles & Gardens,** R Dawkins	*British Leisure*	£ 3.50
10	**A Handful of Dust,** Evelyn Waugh	*Penguin*	£ 3.99

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1639



ACROSS
1 Vinca plant (10)
8 Everlasting (7)
9 Stipendiary minister (5)
10 Noisy (4)
11 Washing up room (8)
13 Very steep (5)
14 Wailing signal (5)
16 Cite inaccurately (8)
18 Whip (4)
21 Additional jury statement (5)
22 Mimic (7)
23 Rich reversible silk (4,2,4)

DOWN
1 Dare (7)
2 Rip (4)
3 Spontaneous work stoppage (7,6)
4 Fiction writer (8)
5 French school (5)
6 Restore (4)
7 Colouring stick (6)
12 Fussy dress ornament (8)
13 Melancholy (6)
15 Press announcement (7)
17 Carex plant (5)
19 Clarified butter (4)
20 Spanish surreal artist (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1638

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
6.35 Leon Errol in *Pretty Dolly* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Pamela Armstrong and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27.**
8.35 Pat — Fugitive Dog starring Garry Gray (b/w). **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This!** presented by Andy Crane begins with **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.25 Why Don't You. . ?** Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r). **9.50 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon
10.00 News and weather followed by **Silas.** Episode six of the adventures of a young man who runs away from a cruel circus owner (r). (Ceefax) **10.30 Play School** presented by Brian Jameson with guest Janet Palmer (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from St Anselm's Primary School.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Roland and Rattfink.** Cartoon **11.10 Undersea Kingdom** (b/w). The final episode of the adventure serial **11.30 Superman.** The fighter of evil comes to the aid of an ageing Indian warrior. Starring George Reeves
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party** with Viv Lumsden and Eamonn Holmes. Today Mavis Nicholson talks to the adventurous brothers Lawrence and Lorne Blair **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Scott is a broken man now that Charlene decides to go to Queensland.
1.50 The High Chaparral. The ranch is sealed off by renegade Apaches (r). **2.40 Bazaar** includes advice on potato peelers, knitting machines, power tools and kitchen gadgets (r).
3.10 Valerie. Domestic comedy series starring Valerie Harper (r). **3.35 Gardeners' Direct Line.** Viewers' gardening problems discussed by Geoffrey Smith and Peter Seabrook. To participate ring Leeds (0532) 446222 between 11.30am and 2.30pm.
4.05 Cartoon 4.10 Scruffy (r). **4.35 Fast Forward.** Video fun for the young (r).
5.00 Newsround with John Craven, Terry Baddoo and Roger Finn **5.05 Move It.** This last in the series features a comparison between cricket and baseball **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather
6.35 London Plus
7.00 Top of the Pops
7.30 EastEnders. Wicksy receives a job offer. (Ceefax)
8.00 Bodymatters. Drs Graeme Garden, Alan Maryon Davis and Gillian Rice investigate the heart. (Ceefax)
8.30 Bread. Comedy series about a fly Liverpudlian family coping inventively with the problems of unemployment (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather
9.30 The Monocled Mutineer. Episode one of a four-part drama about an alleged mutiny by British and Anzac soldiers in Northern France in 1917. Starring Paul McGann (r). (Ceefax)
10.40 Esther Interviews. . . In this last of the series Esther Rantzen talks to Dr David Owen.
11.10 International Golf. Highlights of the US Seniors Golf Championship from Madina Golf and Country Club, Chicago.
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Inner City Story (2). Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax 1.20 Chock-a-Block** (r). **1.35 Ceefax.**
2.00 News and weather followed by **Highway Codes.** Motorway driving (r). **2.30 Italians.** A portrait of the Communist mayor of Montemilone, Dino Labriola (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **Ours to Keep.** The refugees and immigrant communities of Spitalfields (r). **3.40 Northern Arts.** Sculptor John Atkin at his studio near Darlington (r). **3.50 News,** regional news and weather.
4.00 Dr Kildare. Episode two of the medical drama serial (r). **4.25 Boating Butler.** Tony Butler explores life on and around the rivers and canals of the Midlands **4.55 Class of 81** (r).
5.00 Star Brass. The first of a series of five programmes. With Lorna Dallas, Bob Childs and the Templemore Band conducted by Jack Burch (first shown on BBC Northern Ireland).
5.30 Eating Out with Tovey. (see Choice)
6.00 Film: Buck Privates Come Home (1947, b/w) starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello as two Second World War veterans trying to make a living in civvy street. Directed by Charles T. Barton.
7.15 Wildlife on Two: Sea Snakes — Friend or Foe? The story of why land-based snakes took to the sea (r). (Ceefax)
7.40 Comrades features 78-year-old Mariya Kulinich, a life-long Christian (r).
8.20 Masaccio. Sir Lawrence Gowing appraises the workof the Italian painter (r).
9.00 The Travel Show includes a resort report on Dinard; and Matthew Collins's account of his rafting holiday in Sweden
9.30 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. (r). (Ceefax)
10.15 Police Powers. The fifth of six programmes about the police force's relationship with the public.
10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.
11.35 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.40** Indexed Files. Ends at **12.10am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys; **8.50 Wacaday** for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news and weather
9.30 Whose Baby? Nanette Newman, Nino Firetto and Ted Rogers try to guess the identities of the celebrity parents of a succession of toddlers. Presented by Bernie Winters
10.00 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r). **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 Bugs Bunny** (r). **10.35 Disney's The Wuzzles** (r). **11.00 Towser** (r) **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series presented by Neil Innes (r).
11.25 Thames news and weather
11.30 Plants for Free. Plant propagation series (r). (Oracle) **12.00 Knight Rider** starring David Hasselhoff (r). **12.30 Santa Barbara.**
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames news** and weather **1.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased).** An old lady's life is put in danger when it is learned that she has perfected a foolproof gambling system. Starring Mike Pratt and Kenneth Cope (r).
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls the Great Train Robbery with archive newsclips **3.00 Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands **3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial
4.00 Tumbledown Farm 4.15 The Bike. A film without dialogue about a boy who wants a cycle he cannot afford **4.45 Panic Station** (Oracle)
5.15 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades (r).
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news** and weather.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Has Mrs Bates found a companion?
7.00 Jimmy's. More real-life dramas with the patients and staff of the St James's University Hospital, Leeds
7.30 Jimmy Greaves. Chat show
8.00 The Bill. A well-built man with the mind of a seven-year-old causes problems for the Sun Hill police officers. (Oracle)
8.30 The Fastest Men on Earth. Continuing the history of Olympic sprinters. Tonight features Harrison Dillard (the 1948 Olympics) and Lindy Remigino (1952)
9.00 In the Heat of the Night. Drama series set in small-town America, starring Carroll O'Connor and Howard Rollins.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news** and weather.
10.35 A Problem Aired. A viewer's dramatic mood swings are discussed by experts.
11.05 First Run. The first of a series of four programmes on film-makers of tomorrow, introduced by David Puttnam. Followed by **Crimestoppers**
11.45 Suspicious Circumstances. The work of people involved in solving crime
12.15am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison
1.10 Night Gallery. Three short dramas (r).
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Go Tell the Spartans** (1977) starring Burt Lancaster. Vietnam War drama about a major who is ordered to scout an unoccupied hamlet. He files a false report and is then ordered to occupy the place because of its strategic position, thus heralding a bloody battle for its possession. Directed by Ted Post.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy series.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children (r).
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series. The guest is Joe Williams
2.00 Film: Madame Curie (1943, b/w) starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. Biopic about the Polish-born scientist who discovered radium. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy
4.15 Film: So You Want to Be in Pictures (1947, b/w). Comedy short featuring the Joe McDoakes character, this afternoon taking a home acting course and trying to copy the styles of Charles Boyer and Ronald Colman. Directed by Richard L. Bare
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Geoff Atkinson, a town planning officer from near Nottingham
5.00 Film: Get Cracking (1942, b/w) starring George Formby. Comedy, set in the Second World War, about the rivalry between neighbouring villages' Home Guard units. Directed by Marcel Varnel.
6.45 Carnival in Rio. Samba schools of Rio as they prepare for the carnival.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Perkins.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. The 11th of 12 programmes in which Gerald and Lee Durrell explore the different ways animals communicate (r).
8.30 Amen. Comedy series set in an inner-city Philadelphia church
9.00 Goya. Episode three of the six-part dramatized life of the Spanish painter. (Oracle)
10.00 True Stories: The Other Bomb. (Oracle) (see Choice)
11.00 Kellogg's Tour of Britain. Stage three: Manchester to Liverpool, during which the cyclists cover a distance of 117 miles.
12.00 Film: Elegy (1972) starring Yilmaz Güney. Turkish-made drama about a notorious leader of a gang of smugglers who is wounded in a gun battle and treated by a woman doctor. Directed by Yilmaz Güney. Ends at **1.30am.**

Explosive collaboration



In pursuit of physics: Professor Nicholas Riehl, a German scientist who was persuaded by the Russians to do research work on the bomb during the Second World War (C4, 10.00pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

● When the BBC did a documentary last year on former Nazi scientists working on the US space programme, we got something quite flashy, a documentary comic strip. This was taken a step further by the BBC with *Mafia Wars*, which looked like a cross between Roy Lichtenstein and *Miami Vice*. **The Other Bomb** (C4, 10.00pm), the story of the other German atomic scientists, those coerced by the Soviets, is a conventional documentary that rather shows up the limitations of Channel 4's resources compared with the BBC's: no state-of-the-art stuff here, just some very rudimentary reconstruction, archive footage, and talking heads, none of whom are questioned very hard about their successive collaborations. Those interviewed preferred their Soviet masters if only because the Russians took atomic research more seriously than the Nazis, to whom it was all Jewish physics and there fore not a worthy Aryan pursuit. About all the Nazi atomic programme achieved, if one contributor is to be believed, was to keep its participants out of the army and the fighting. When the Russians came, it was the turn of the scientists to get their midnight knock on the door, after, it should be added, being stuffed with food of unimaginable luxury and vodka by their new masters. In Russia they were privileged in a dubious sort of way, being directly answerable to Beria, whose protection they enjoyed, if nervously. On the evidence presented here, few questioned their work, and most conduct themselves less like scientists than bureaucrats with myopia. One or two did develop a conscience about their work, especially when it became clear that they were building rockets capable of reaching Germany.

● More camp cooking in the dominant tradition of TV cuisine is to be found in **Eating Out With Tovey** (BBC2, 5.30pm). John Tovey, is a Lakeland restaurateur who, while not given to slurping as much as Keith Floyd, is still prone to splashing the morning grapefruit segments with crème de menthe, and lacing the porridge with whisky. This evening Tovey lays a Cumberland breakfast on a sheep farmer (cue for much Lakeland scenery), who remains polite if non-committal. I was reminded of a much more forthright Texan woman I saw once, enormous to the point of obesity, eating an English breakfast in Harrod's, who, when confronted by the full house, remarked to her husband: "If this is what they eat for breakfast every day, then no wonder the British have problems."

Chris Petit

The Giardino of Eden

RADIO CHOICE



Derek Cooper has some food for thought (R4, 11.25am)

● Patience Gray, the elegant writer on natural foods, whose unnatural enemy is the agrochemical, has chosen to exile herself to an area of southern Italy which exactly reflects her thinking on eating. With her Flemish sculptor companion called Norman, she lives surrounded by nature that is unimpaired by human hand. Over a plate of Apulian chick peas, served under a fig tree, she tells Derek Cooper in **Prophets Returned** (Radio 4, 11.25am) of the fantastic spurts of energy she and Norman get after a weed lunch, how she serves pasta to friends suffering from nerves, and how she finds that the act of pounding herbs, garlic and spices with her pestle and mortar is as much of a spiritual pick-you-up as the process of eating them. Norman's views on food complements her's because he says she transforms nature's gifts into something that rejoices the heart of man. The way he says it indicates that he has his own heart in mind. Patience Gray does not feel contempt for designer foods: she simply does not contemplate their existence. After all, she knows that it was not the chefs of princes and prelates who invented the world's great dishes, but country people and fishermen.

● **Rebels** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) whitewashes the Redskin, and blackwashes the Whiteskin. It dramatically amends the popular image of the Apache warrior Geronimo. No hint here of the whooping savage of the movies who indiscriminately butchers every white man in sight. Instead, we get a picture of a deeply religious man whose fearful campaign against non-Indians was justifiable retaliation for his family's murder. Astonishingly, it took 5,000 US soldiers and 5,000 Mexicans to vanquish just 39 of Geronimo's followers — and 19 of these were women and children. And when they surrendered, instead of the dignified life in a reservation they were promised, they were kept as POWs for 27 years.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Shakespeare Trilogy 1.20 HTV News 1.30 A Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club 6.00-6.30 HTV News 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 The West This Week 11.10 HTV Weekend Outlook 11.15-11.45 No Port Left 12.15am Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense 1.35 Forum Presents 2.35 Weather.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.35 Swansea Festival 11.05 Short Story Theatre 11.35 Suspicious Circumstances 12.05am Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense 1.25 The Forum Presents 2.25 Weather, Close.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Cover Story 1.20 Today News and Weather 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.30 Today 7.30-8.00 Who's The Boss? 10.35 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 11.35 Suspicious Circumstances 12.05am California Highway 12.30 Potscript 12.35 Weather, Close.

TVS As London except:12.00 Heirloom 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News and Weather 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 10.35 Music Makers 11.05 Worlds Beyond 11.35 Suspicious Circumstances 12.05am UFO 1.05 Sports Action Worldwide 2.10 Taxi 2.45 America's Top 10 3.15 Company 3.25 Hollywood: The Selznick Years 4.25-5.00 Just Williams

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm Regent News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 7.30-8.00 Auf Widersehen, Pet 10.35 Voices of War 11.05 Straight Talk 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Inner Space 12.40-6.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:12.00-12.30pm Dining in France 1.20 Ulster Newstime 1.30 Children — Helping Hands 2.00-2.30 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Roger Moore) 6.00 Summer Edition 6.20-6.30 Police Six 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 From Stone to Stone 11.05 Carson's Law 12.05am At Home With...Sally Oppenheim 12.35 News

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00 For the Honor of Thier Country 12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Emergency 6.00-6.30 Calendar 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Thriller: Man On the Screen 11.30 Suspicious Circumstances 12.00 America's Top 10 12.30am Film: Thin Ice 2.20 Out of Limits 2.30 Married with Children 3.00 Music Box 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:10.30am Film: Jack Ahoy!" 12.00 Countdown 12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Just 4 Fun 2.30 Film: Son of Fury" 3.20 Ffalabalam 4.30 Am Ras 5.00 Family Ties 5.30 A Vote of No Confidence 6.00 Brookside 6.30 The Angling Experience 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Caffo! 8.00 Yr Eisteddfoedh Wyth 8.35 Denis 9.05 Virtuoso 10.00 Hemingway 11.00 Kellogg's Pro-Cycling Tour of Britain 12.00 Film: Elegy 1.30 Close

RTE 1 Starts:4.10pm News and Weather followed by Bosco 4.35 Kaboodle 5.00 Sean the Leprechaun 5.15 The Campbells 5.45 News 6.00 The Angelos 6.01 Garda Patrol 6.10 The Gummi Bears 6.35 A Portrait of the Soviet Union 7.30 Puinni 8.00 Starbuck 9.00 News 9.20 Today Tonight 10.00 Sorry! 10.35 The Wine Programme 11.05 Rude Health 11.30 News.

RTE 2 Starts:5.30pm Emmerdale Farm 5.40 Cartoon Time 6.00 Huckleberry Finn and Friends 6.30 The Sullivans 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 Cursai 8.35 Mart and Market 8.40 A Home in the Green Land 9.10 Falcon Crest 10.05 The Heart has Its Reasons 11.10 Janacek Sinfonietta 11.35 News followed by Nightlight. Close.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow with Mike Read **12.30** Newsbeat with Lesley Curwen **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** My Top Ten: Harry Enfield **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Roger Royle **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club **8.00** Gerry Ford Presents **9.00** Lon Satton's Gospel Jubilee **10.00** Wise on the Wireless **10.30** The Spinners and Friends **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Time for Verse 6.40 The Farming World 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary 7.30 Guitar Workshop 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Churchill the Historian 10.30 Londres Midi: French News Magazine 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Citizens 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Jazz Scene UK 2.00 Outlook; opening with World News 2.45 Write On... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heure Allduel 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Proms '88 Live Relay 7.25 Nes Summary 7.26 Outlook 7.56 Stock Market Report 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Talking from... 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Seven Seas 11.30 Time for Verse 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Jazz Scene UK 1.45 Talking from... 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Health Matters 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News and Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

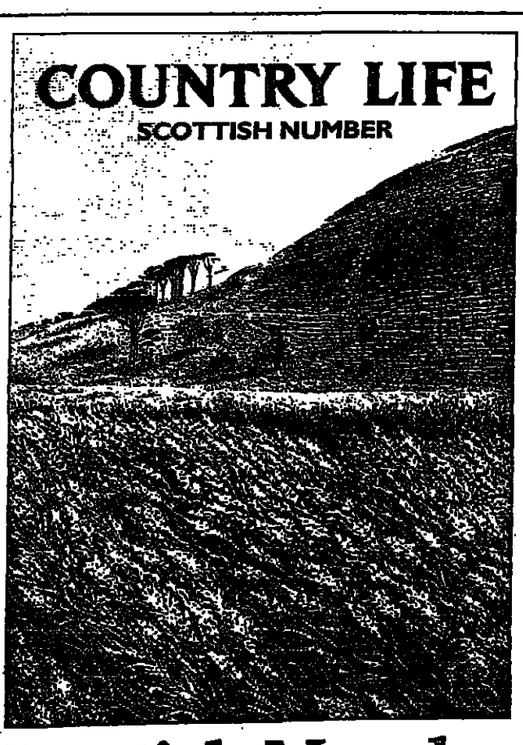
Radio 3

6.55 Weather followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Nielsen (Overture to Helios, Op 17: Danish RSO under Herbert Blomstedt); Ravel (La vallée des cloches (Miroirs): Artur Rubinstein, piano); Svendsen (Romance in G, Op 26: New Philharmonia under Edo de Waart with Arthur Grumiaux, violin)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Boccherini (Quintet No 6 in D minor: Allegri String Quartet with Sarah Francis, oboe); Haydn (Symphony No 93 in D: Orchestra of the 18th century under Frans Brüggen); Schubert (Moments musicaux, D 780, No 6 in A flat: Rudolf Buchbinder, piano); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 4 No 4: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood with Monica Huggett)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Janacek. Sokol Fanfares (Sinfonietta): Czech PO under Karel Ancerl; The Ballad of Blanik: BRNO State PO under Frantisek Jilek; Adagio (Capriccio for piano, left hand, and wind instruments): Otakar Hollmann Ensemble under Jarmil Burghauser; Glagolitic Mass: Czech PO under Ancerl with Libuse Domaninska (soprano), Vera Soukupova (contralto), Beno Blachut (tenor) and Eduard Haken (bass)
9.35 Leslie Howard: The pianist plays Haydn (Fantasy in C, H XVII 4: and Sonata in D, H XVI 24); and Leonard Salzedo (Sonata Op 98)
10.25 Walton: Symphony No 2 performed by London Symphony Orchestra under André Previn
10.55 Sibelius: Quartet in D minor (Voces Intimae) performed by Delmé String Quartet (r)
11.30 Polish Chamber Orchestra: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts Haydn (Symphony No 58 in F); C P E Bach (Largo — Cello Concerto in A, Wq 172); Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV 443); Telemann (Suite in A minor); and Elgar (Introduction and Allegro for strings, Op 47). With Michala Petri (flute) and Ewa Wasiolka (cello) (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Czech Flute Music: James Dower with John Lenehan (piano/harpsichord) performs Bohuslav Martinu (Scherzo — Divertimento); Jiri Benda (Sonata No 1 in G); Jindrich Feld (Sonata) (r)
1.40 Idomeneo, rè di Creta: Mozart's three-act opera (1781 Munich version) about love and the sea god's rage. Sung in Italian. Performed by Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under John Pritchard (harpsichord) with Vienna State Opera Chorus and Robert Scheiwein (cello continuo). Featuring Lucia Popp (soprano), Agnes Baltsa (mezzo-soprano), Edita Gruberova (soprano) and Luciano Pavarotti (tenor) as the shipwrecked king
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection of music recalling some artists in the roles they made famous at Glyndbourne. Presented by Lyndon Jenkins
6.30 Bandstand: Rigid Containers Group Band under John Berryman perform William Mathias's Vivat Regina and John Ireland's A Downland Suite
7.00 News
7.05 The Sicilian Expedition: Episode four of the six part adaptation by Donald Bancroft starring Edward de Souza as Thucydides. The Athenians call for reinforcements and a night attack on Epipolae is launched. With readers Manning Wilson and Eric Stovell
7.30 Proms 88: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk perform Mendelssohn (Incidental music from A Midsummer Night's Dream); Gerhard (Dances from Don Quixote); and Falla (The Three Cornered Hat). Featuring Margaret Marshall (soprano), Christine Cairns (mezzo-soprano) and the Holst Singers. Includes **8.15** Michael Billington talks to Professor Manuel Angel Conejero from the Fundación Shakespeare de Espana about the problems of producing Shakespeare's plays for Spanish audiences
9.45 The Vision of Judgment: Alec McCowen reads Lord Byron's satirical vision of the heavenly events when King George III died (r)
10.30 Paris Baroque: La Fontegara Amsterdam perform chamber music by Francois Couperin, Marin Marais and J B de Boismortier
11.00 Composers of the Week: Schumann. Liederkreis, Op 24; and Piano Concerto in A minor (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Behind the Wall: by Colin Thubron. Read by John Rowe (2 of 12) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's injustices, problems and quirks. Today a heavyweight story of diet and the price of going teetotal at your local (r)
9.45 Uncle Mort's North Country by Peter Tinniswood with Stephen Thorne and Peter Skellern (4 of 5) (s)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling investigate wildlife in the "ricochet zone", around an army firing line
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 Prophets Returned: Derek Cooper in the first of four conversations with people whose theories about food were ahead of their time (see Choice)
11.50 Tales of the Loch: Bruce Sandison talks to Christopher Lowell about Loch Leven in Fife
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer advice and news with John Howard
12.25 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: by John le Carré, adapted in seven parts by René Basilico, starring Bernard Hepton as George Smiley (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with Perdita Houston from the International Planned Parenthood Federation; a discussion about the traumas of a child's first day at school; Professor Rona Mackay talking about the increase in skin melanoma; and an item on Mickey Mouse's 60th birthday
3.00 News; Over My Dead Body: Play by Richard Morris, with Michael Cochrane (s)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Steve Race and Gillian Reynolds discuss paperbacks they've enjoyed reading
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 My Word!: Michael O'Donnell chairs a light-hearted panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 A Musical Evening in Spain: Telen Bevan in conversation with Spanish soprano Montserrat Caballe (s)
8.15 Journey Round My People (new series): Ferdi Dennis goes on another journey around Afro-Britain, concentrating on leisure pursuits. In the first programme he visits Yaa Asantewa Arts Centre for a poetry evening
8.30 Rebels (new series): Hugh Sykes with six biographies of unconventional people (1): Geronimo (see Choice)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?: A magazine for disabled listeners and their families
9.30 Archive Auction: Major General Sir Jeremy Moore chooses a selection of recordings from the archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of *Mrs Klein* at the Cottesloe Theatre, *Metropolis* (an architectural exhibition at the ICA), and the album *London Bridge is Falling Down* including an interview with Mike Westbrook; plus a feature on London's last musical hall, the Hackney Empire
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Countrywoman by Paul Smith (4 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes With . . . The Medici String Quartet who discuss what it's like to work as a full-time musical committee of four (r)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00**pm Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10**am Open University: **11.30** Tolstoy's View of Art and Morality **11.50** Classical Mythology: Keats.

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OUT NOW

Britain may get phone tap satellite stations

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Two secret satellite communications stations aimed at creating the ultimate "telephone tapping" system are to be built in Britain, according to today's issue of the magazine *New Statesman and Society*.

British journalist Mr Duncan Campbell claims stations, packed with the latest American equipment, are to built near Bude, Cornwall and at Menwith Hill, near Harrogate, Yorkshire.

He says the scheme, called Project P145, will be run by the US National Security Agency and will allow all international and domestic calls to be monitored automatically. Mr Campbell adds that the Anglo-American plan for a global electronic spy system goes far beyond the original secret listening agreement called UKUSA, (UK-USA), for the defence of the West.

The British contribution will come with expansion of the existing satellite tracing and radio-monitoring stations at Bude and Menwith Hill, and the co-operation of the Government Communications Headquartrs, GCHQ, at Cheltenham.

Both the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office, which is responsible for GCHQ yesterday denied any knowledge of P145 or of plans to enlarge the two existing communications sites.

Mr Campbell asserts the scheme is being developed in conditions of exceptional secrecy classified, in US Government jargon, as a "black" project. He says it means its existence may never be referred to in government documents. According to Mr Campbell the new network will be able to tap into a billion telephone calls a year in the United Kingdom.

He says that the budget of the US Department of Defence shows an allocation of $26 million for the expansion of the American base at Menwith. In addition to installing the equipment for P145, he lists what he claims to be the first details of the major classified projects at Menwith.

The base employs over 1,200 people, more than two-thirds of them Americans. There are said to be five major surveillance activities.

A system for long range monitoring of intelligence radio signals is code-named Silkworth.

Equipment for monitoring satellite communications is called Moonpenny.

Two operation centres that control eavesdropping satellite in orbit over the Soviet Union, one is known as Runway and the other as Steeplebush.

A computer network called Echelon retains information obtained from monitoring telephone calls of "targetted" people.

MPs demand recall of Clarke in NHS crisis

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of the money allocated not being enough.

Mr Hayes said last night: "The regions are not capable of doing it properly, and it may be that this problem has been caused because they are being over-cautious in the way they are handling the regrading."

Senior backbenchers believe that Mr Clarke could be in for a tough baptism in his new post at the Conservative conference in the autumn unless the two "millstones" of nurses' pay and the proposed new charges for eye and dental checks are not dealt with.

"He has the opportunity to make a first class speech presenting the review of the health service, but the whole impact of that could be ruined," one said.

The National Association of Health Authorities admitted that at least one authority had claimed it would overspend by £2 million and that the overall shortfall could amount to at least £150 million.

NAHA director Mr Philip Hunt urged the Government to meet the full cost of the award once the regrading exercise had been completed.

Cohse members in eight health authorities are already in the midst of disputes procedures as a result of the way the clinical grading exercise has been implemented. Officers claimed that health authorities had not involved the staff side in the negotiations in an effort to speed up the grading exercise.

Cohse is also seeking legal advice on whether the Government has committed a breach of contract by trying to grade some sisters on posts higher than others.

The Government's difficulties were compounded yesterday by the appearance of disorganization within the new health department caused by the holiday arrangements, although it is not at all unusual for all ministers in a Whitehall department to be away early in August, with one of them on duty from home or holiday.

Debris of disaster in a quiet country landscape





Mrs Christine Tudor with the remains of a crashed plane at her home in Blencarn (Photograph: Barry Greenwood) and, right, an engine in a lane near Milburn, Penrith

Tornado in low-flying scare

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32, of Grantham. The German trainee navigator was named as Lieutenant Ulrich Sayer, aged 23, of Stuttgart.

Investigators want to find out whether both aircraft had been cleared to use the same exercise area at the same time and what procedures had been followed immediately before they dived to their low-level exercise height.

Mr Roger Freeman, Minister for the Armed Forces, said yesterday that the pilots of the aircraft would not necessarily have known in advance that another aircraft was in the vicinity.

"Low-flying training, which is mostly at day with a small proportion at night, is absolutely essential for our aircrews", he said.

"They file a flight path with their station and it is logged centrally, but there would be no reason why a single aircraft would know another military aircraft was in the vicinity.

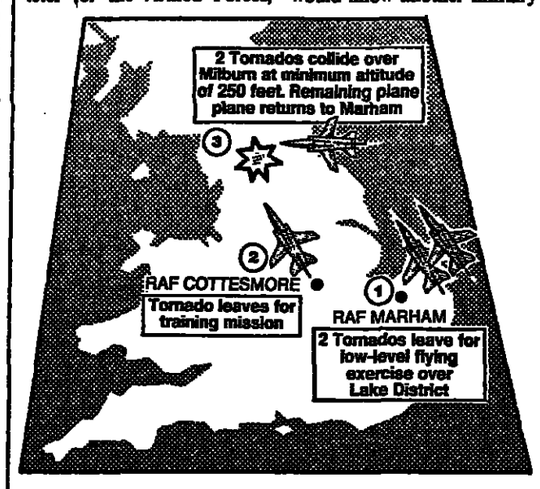
"It is just not possible for each military aircraft preplanning his flight to know where all other military aircraft are at any one time. "The general principle is see and avoid."

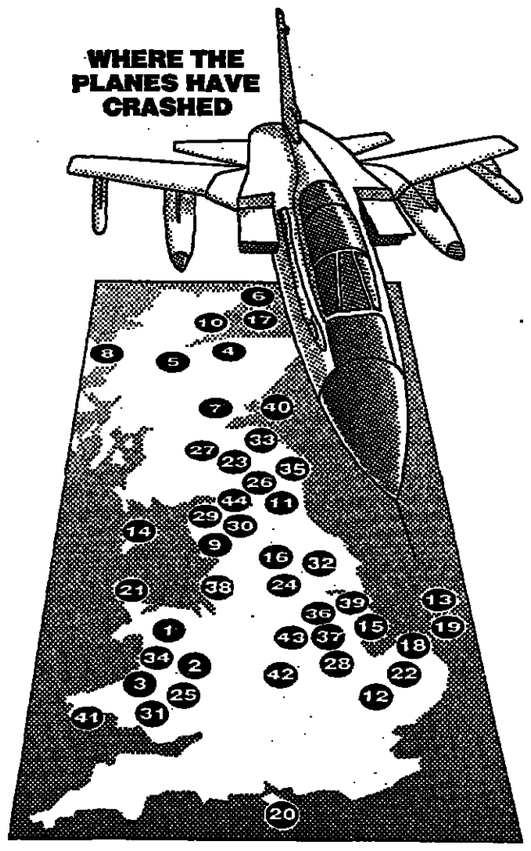
His views, however, were strongly challenged by MPs in the area yesterday.

"This latest incident will do nothing to make the Government change its mind about safety measures. That an inquiry will be held is inevitable, and a review of operations is bound to follow. But it means nothing. It is always the same — an empty, meaningless gesture", Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, said.

He added that in the past 12 months, four aircraft and six lives had been lost in low-flying accidents within a 25-mile radius of his home. The total bill was £60 million.

He urged Tory colleagues whose constituents lived in such areas to mount a joint campaign to force the Government to drastically cut the number of low-level flights permitted. Unless that was done, there would be an unparalleled civilian tragedy, he said.





Catalogue of RAF accidents 1982-1988

1	12.02.82	Harrier	Pilot killed
2	22.04.82	Jet Provost	Crew ejected
3	13.05.82	Hunter	Pilot ejected
4	17.06.82	Buccaneer	Two ejected
5	23.06.82	F-111 (USAF)	Two ejected
6	13.09.82	Jaguar	Pilot ejected
7	16.09.82	F-111 (USAF)	Two ejected
8	07.12.82	F-111 (USAF)	Two killed
9	09.12.82	Jet Provost	Pilot killed
10	07.03.83	Jaguar	Pilot ejected
11	12.04.83	Starfighter	Pilot killed
12	07.03.83	Jaguar	Pilot ejected
13	26.04.83	F-111 (USAF)	Two killed
14	24.06.83	Hawk	Two killed
15	28.10.83	Harrier	Pilot killed
16	21.11.83	Jet Provost	Two ejected
17	20.05.83	Buccaneer	Two killed
18	12.07.84	Tornado	Two ejected
19	12.07.84	Jaguar	Pilot ejected
20	31.10.84	Hunter	Pilot killed
21	07.11.84	Hawk	Two ejected
22	07.10.85	Two Jaguars	Pilot killed, one ejected
23	24.10.85	Tornado	Two killed
24	07.01.86	Phantom	Two ejected
25	17.06.86	Tornado	Two killed
26	21.10.86	Tornado	Two killed
27	27.11.86	Jaguar	Pilot killed
28	10.12.86	Tornado	Two ejected
29	17.06.87	Tornado	Two ejected
30	17.06.87	Jaguar	Pilot killed
31	24.06.87	Jaguar	Pilot killed
32	27.07.87	Tornado	Two ejected
33	25.07.87	F-111 (USAF)	Two killed
34	26.08.87	Phantom	Two killed
35	02.11.87	Harrier	Two killed
36	16.11.87	Two Hawks	One injured
37	22.01.88	Hawk	Pilot dead
38	02.03.88	Bulldog	Pilot dead
39	11.04.88	Lightning	Ejection
40	20.04.88	Phantom	Two dead
41	13.05.88	Hawk	Two ejected
42	30.05.88	Meteor	Pilot dead
43	24.06.88	Hawk	One injured

A brutal experience in the search for flying perfection

Tornados and their thunderous kin fly regularly down the Eden valley, weaving at low-level beneath the lip of the Pennines to attack the electronic warfare range at Spadeadam on the Northumberland/Cumbria border. As a general rule farmers and local folk uneasily accept the sudden, violent roar that marks the passing of a low-flying jet. They grudgingly agree that the training these sorties give to air crews is essential for national defence, others question the integrity of a system that allows such catastrophic accidents.

In the navigator's seat of a Tornado aircraft of 27 Squadron based at RAF Marham in Norfolk, Ronald Faux flew on a low-level sortie down the Eden Valley in Cumbria where he lives and which was the scene of Tuesday's tragic mid-air collision.

From the back seat of a Tornado the din of the engines is reduced to a whisper. The aircraft emerge from their steel and concrete citadels at RAF Marham and, within seconds, can be airborne, wings folded back and tracking towards their targets at 500 mph. The automatic flight director predetermines the course and the terrain-following radar holds the aircraft at 250 ft, less if the pilot selects an even closer shave with the ground. The aircraft automatically clears any obstacle, from sudden hillside to a flock of birds.

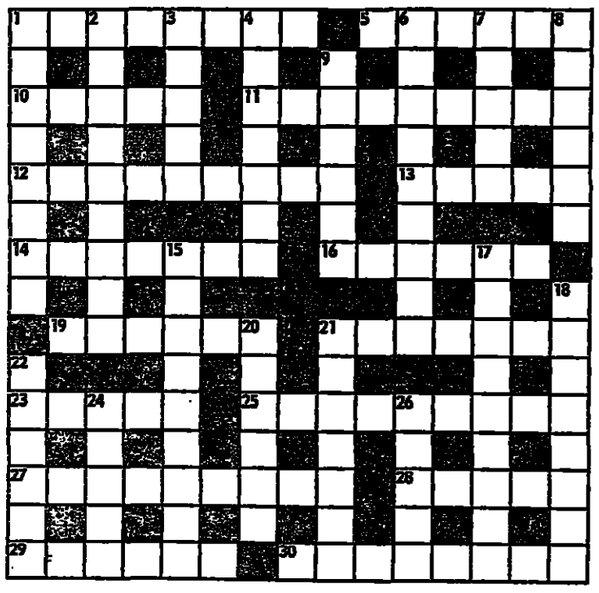
The automatic systems allow the pilot and navigator to concentrate on their tasks of operating weapon systems and the complex electronic counter-measures carried in the Tornado.

A moving map shows the aircraft's precise position and, in Canada, Tornados have been operated in pitch darkness at 500 mph, rocketing over the tundra 50 ft from the ground. "It means implicit faith in the kit but the first few flights are unnerving when you are only a fraction of a second from the ground", a pilot told me.

Sorties are co-ordinated by the Low Flying Cell at West Drayton, West London and, while both squadrons involved in Tuesday's crash would have been informed of other military aircraft, precise details could not be given of jets likely to be practising evasion techniques with minimum radio communication.

It is brutal, dramatic flying with G suits gripping limbs in the tight, evasive turns and a primed ejector seat in constant readiness should an emergency happen. But as one military pilot admitted, two aircraft accidentally converging in darkness on the same patch of airspace at a combined speed of perhaps 1,000 mph have little chance.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,745



ACROSS

1 Professor trying to land contract (8).
5 Is circle apart from line on weather chart? (6).
10 Ring with no diamonds, say, like some Fabergé pieces (5).
11 Advertising in advance (9).
12 Reserves high place for publications (9).
13 Head of state moves to centre, in a sense (5).
14 The intrigue thickens! (7).
16 Instrument piper's child reproduced (3-3).
19 For every one. can it pass away? (6).
21 Dombeys, for example, seen round one residence (7).
23 Dismissal for Indian test opener (3,2).
25 Fruitful result of putting situation to judge in hearing (9).
27 One way follows another for churchman (9).
28 Philosopher saved in dangerous situation (5).
29 One 6 played by another (6).
30 I'd set about ally so false (8).

DOWN

1 One should admit when one is depressed (8).
2 Non-alcoholic drink available in bars (9).
3 Extensive range, as well as extreme limits (5).
4 Times, following editor's lead, simple to interpret (7).
6 Enjoys oneself on IOM — in Peel, say (9).
7 Result of ignorance among composers (5).
8 He serves a gross King (6).
9 Miscellaneous collection of OT characters (3,3).
15 System of employment in the women's dress business? (9).
17 As a rule, not many take part in it (9).
18 Confounded nuisance, initially, in savage bears (8).
20 After trout, serving Americans regional dish (6).
21 Conductors? For new trams, that is (7).
22 Controlled by banks, this divides our capital (6).
24 Critic of previous generation (5).
26 Chemist with no beryllium left (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FURFURACEOUS
a. Acting like a thief
b. Scaly like bran
c. Branching or forking

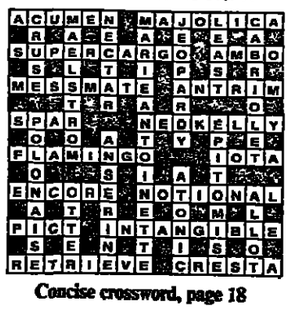
ONEIRODYNIA
a. A nightmare
b. Clearing by plunger rod
c. Fear of strangers

PYRETIC
a. Cremating one's dead
b. Freebooting
c. Feverish

ZIM
a. An abrasive cleaner
b. A Turkish quartermaster
c. A jewel

Answers on page 18, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,744



Concise crossword, page 18

This puzzled was solved within 30 minutes by 15 per cent of the competitors at the London A regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WEATHER

Northern and western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunshine and showers before more general rain spreads from the west. North-west England and north Wales will be brighter with fewer showers. The rest of Britain will have a dry day with well broken cloud and sunny periods, especially in the South. *Outlook*: unsettled with some rain in most parts, especially the North.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	31	88	s
Algiers	36	97	s	Mexico C*	20	68	c
Amst'dm	23	73	f	Miami*	32	90	c
Athens	30	86	s	Milan	28	84	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	27	81	c
Barbados*	30	86	t	Moscow	18	64	s
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Nairobi	24	75	c
Biarritz	22	72	c	Naples	30	86	s
Borde'x	29	84	s	N Delhi	31	88	f
B Aires*	12	54	c	N York*	32	90	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Nice	28	82	s
C'blanca	24	75	s	Oslo	22	72	f
Chicago*	27	81	c	Paris	27	81	s
Ch'church	7	45	d	Peking	31	88	f
C'phagn	23	73	s	Perth	19	66	f
Corfu	32	90	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Dublin	16	61	r	Rio de J	20	68	c
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Faro	27	81	s	Rome	28	82	s
Florence	34	93	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Frankfurt	28	82	s	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Funchal	26	79	f	Seoul	36	97	s
Geneva	27	81	s	Sing'por	30	86	t
Gibraltar	31	88	s	Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Hong K	28	82	c	Sydney	15	59	s
Innsbruck	25	77	s	Tangier	24	75	f
Istanbul	29	84	f	Tel aviv	33	91	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tokyo	27	81	r
Karachi	29	84	c	Toronto*	31	88	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	32	90	s
Le Tquet	24	75	f	Vanc'ver*	19	66	f
Lisbon	25	77	s	Venice	28	84	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	27	81	s
L Angels*	19	66	c	Warsaw	25	77	s
Luxembg	25	77	f	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Luxor	42	108	f	Wel'ton	6	46	r
Madrid	32	90	s	Zurich	25	77	s

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.2	-	21	70	sunny
Cromer	6.2	-	25	77	sunny
Lowestoft	8.6	.02	23	73	shower
Southend	4.2	-	22	72	bright
Folkestone	5.5	-	22	72	bright
Hastings	1.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Brighton	0.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Worthing	0.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Bognor R	0.3	.01	19	66	rain
Southsea	1.4	-	19	66	cloudy
Sheraton	0.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Bournemth	1.7	-	20	68	bright
Weymouth	2.7	-	18	64	shower
Exmouth	1.3	.01	18	64	cloudy
Teignmouth	3.0	-	20	68	cloudy
Torquay	2.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Penzance	3.7	.19	18	64	rain
Scilly Isles	4.8	.21	18	64	sunny
Newquay	1.8	.17	17	63	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.08	*	*	rain
Minehead	2.6	.01	18	64	rain
Morecambe	1.6	-	19	66	rain
Douglas	0.6	.35	15	59	rain
Buxton	3.2	.01	18	64	bright
Carlisle	4.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Leeds	5.7	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	2.3	-	20	68	rain
Anglesey	1.1	.07	17	63	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.8	.06	17	63	shower
Tenby	0.7	.33	16	61	bright
Aberdeen	2.2	.02	17	63	cloudy
Aviemore	0.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.4	.02	17	63	cloudy
Lerwick	0.2	.02	12	54	shower
Prestwick	1.3	.04	17	63	rain
Stornoway	1.5	.11	15	59	rain
Tiree	3.1	.37	14	57	rain
Wick	2.4	-	15	59	bright

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.00	6.4	2.20	6.4
Aberdeen	1.19	3.8	1.57	3.6
Avonmouth	7.32	11.6	7.49	12.0
Belfast	11.27	3.0	11.30	3.4
Cardiff	7.17	10.8	7.34	11.1
Devonport	6.06	4.7	6.23	5.1
Dover	11.30	6.1	11.54	6.0
Falmouth	5.38	4.5	5.53	4.9
Glasgow	12.32	4.3	1.31	4.1
Harwich	—	—	12.15	3.7
Holyhead*	10.53	4.9	11.03	5.3
Hull	6.37	6.7	7.08	6.5
Ilfracombe	6.22	8.1	6.37	8.4
Leith	2.50	5.0	3.21	5.0
Liverpool	17.41	8.4	11.58	8.8
Lowestoft	9.42	2.3	10.31	2.2
Margate	12.18	4.3	12.26	4.3
Milford Haven	6.36	6.1	6.53	6.4
Newquay	5.27	6.2	5.44	6.5
Oban	6.50	3.4	6.38	3.6
Penzance	5.05	4.7	5.20	5.2
Portland	7.31	1.6	7.42	2.0
Portsmouth	—	—	Noon	4.3
Shoreham	11.43	5.6	11.55	5.6
Southampton	11.33	4.2	11.35	4.1
Swansea	6.42	8.2	6.57	8.6
Tees	3.47	4.8	4.19	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	—	—	12.11	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28088. Times are BST

THE POUND

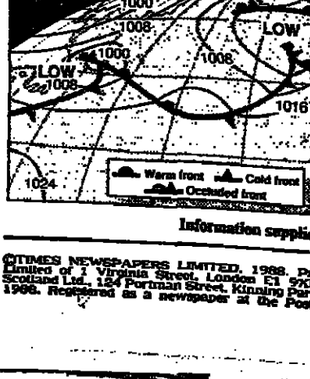
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	23.60	22.40
Belgium Fr	70.90	67.40
Canada $	2.145	2.035
Denmark Kr	12.76	12.16
Finland Mrk	7.94	7.54
France Fr	11.30	10.75
Germany Dm	3.35	3.19
Greece Dr	265	251
Hong Kong $	13.70	12.95
Ireland Pt	1.245	1.185
Italy Lira	2470	2350
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.79	3.60
Norway Kr	12.17	11.57
Portugal Esc	270.50	256.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	219	208
Sweden Kr	11.46	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.805	2.665
USA $	1.765	1.675
Yugoslavia Dnr	5150	4350

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

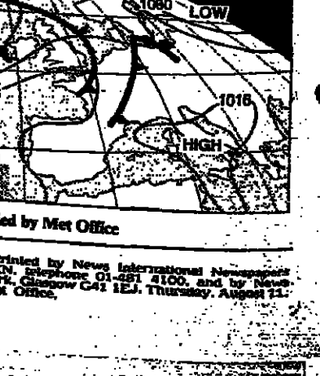
Retail Price Index: 166.6 (June)

London: The *FT* index closed down 19 at 1482.1.

AM



PM



HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, Grampian, and Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.5in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 12.7hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	r	Guernsey	16	61	c
B'mgham	19	66	f	Inverness	17	63	c
Blackpool	19	66	f	Jersey	19	66	c
Bristol	19	66	c	London	20	68	r
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'chester	18	64	f
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	19	66	f
Glasgow	16	61	r	R'nsideway	15	59	c

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.01 pm to 5.12 am
Bristol 9.10 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 9.28 pm to 5.08 am
Manchester 9.15 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 9.18 pm to 5.37 am

Sun rises: 5.40 am
Sun sets: 8.31 pm
Moon rises 4.01 am
Moon sets 8.27 pm
New Moon Tomorrow

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 60 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7hrs. Bar, mean sea level; 6 pm, 1010.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3hrs.

NOON TODAY

Information supplied by Met Office

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1482.1 (–19.0)	US dollar 1.6885 (+0.0035)
FT-SE 100 1839.9 (–22.7)	W German mark 3.2385 (+0.0109)
USM (Datastream) 168.61 (–0.97)	Trade-weighted 76.7 (+0.1)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

S&N pays £33m for Albion

Smith & Nephew, the Nivea-to-Elastoplast group, has bought the manufacturer of Simple and Cidal toiletries for £33 million.

The Albion group which manufactures the fragrance-free products at Corby, Northampstonshire, made pretax profits of £2.2 million in the year to December 1987. The company is owned by a group of unnamed private individuals with 3*i* controlling a 27 per cent stake.

Mr John Rennocks, of S&N, said that the enlarged group would be Britain's biggest single producer of toiletry products by value and volume.

The consideration will be paid through a mixture of cash of £10.6 million, S&N shares worth £2.6 million, and a three-year loan note at 8 7/8 per cent for the remaining £19.8 million.

Simon ahead

Simon Engineering, benefitting from a general improvement in profitability, shows pre-tax profits of £11.74 million for the six months ended June 30, compared with £9.41 million, and is raising the 'interim dividend from 2.7p to 3.5p. Tempus, page 22

Vickers sale

Vickers has sold German-based Comforto Group, part of its office furniture division, to Haworth, a Michigan private company, for £17.5 million in cash.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2050.85 (–28.28)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27554.87 (–615.49)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2579.38 (–54.66)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 281.0 (–3.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 1633.0 (–24.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1479.9 (–22.4)
Brussels:
General ..... 4965.3 (–5.3)
Paris: CAC ..... n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 476.4 (–2.7)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... 980.37 (–11.01)
FT-"500" ..... 1050.76 (–11.85)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 190.4 (–4.6)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 97.43 (–0.48)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 87.98 (–0.33)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Irish Distl ..... 291½p (+18p)
Standard Chart ..... 517½p (+14p)
Chemring ..... 630p (+10p)
Whitbread 'B' ..... 470p (+10p)
Sovereign Oil ..... 158½p (+14p)
BPP ..... 365p (+10p)
FALLS:
Hogg Robinson ..... 172½p (–15p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 846p (–19p)
Glaxo ..... 952½p (–11p)
Bass ..... 771p (–14p)
Cadbury ..... 379½p (–10p)
Christies Intnl ..... 540p (–13p)
Reuters ..... 475½p (–14p)
Reckitt & Colman ..... 922½p (–15p)
Pearson ..... 765p (–12p)
Henderson Admin ..... 715p (–20p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11^{15}/_{16}$-$11^{13}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{13}/_{32}$-10½%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9½%
Federal Funds 7⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.05-7.04%*
30-year bonds $99^{1}/_{4}$-$99^{9}/_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6885	£: $1.6880*
£: DM3.2385	$: DM1.9185*
£: SwFr2.7041	$: SwFr1.6035*
£: FFr10.9330	$: FFr6.4845*
£: Yen227.18	$: Yen134.55*
£: Index:78.7	$: Index:100.6
ECU £0.643532	SDR £0.756896

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $426.95 pm-$427.20
close $427.25-427.75 (£253.00-253.50)
New York:
Comex $427.80-428.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm $15.05bbl ($15.27)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Sovereign Oil and Gas (02376) leapt 17p. Hopes for a bid from Grand Metropolitan pushed Irish Distillers (02380) 21p higher. Simon Engineering (01458) lifted 5p and Frost Group (04101) surged 12p.
- Recent additions include TVS Entertainment 7.4p Conv. Pref. 03413: Dukeminster 03411: Seriff Cowells 02896: Pennine Resources 08375:
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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BAT steps up Farmers fight with $5bn bid

By John Bell, City Editor

BAT, the tobacco to financial services group, launched a surprise $5 billion (£2.95 billion) offer aimed at winning a swift victory in its long-running battle for control of Farmers Inc, the leading US insurance group. The new bid is the largest made by a British company outside the oil industry.

BAT is offering an extra $630 million as a sweetener for just 10 days. The new bid will be withdrawn on August 19 if the beleaguered Farmers board has not by then entered into a definitive merger agreement. BAT's offer will then revert to its earlier terms worth $4.4 billion.

This novel move won immediate support from analysts in London and America. It places enormous pressure on Mr Leo Denlea, the Farmers chairman, and his fellow directors, who have so far refused even to discuss terms with BAT.

Farmers shareholders have become increasingly unhappy about the lack of response from their board. The US group is facing at least three legal actions by shareholders who wish to accept the BAT terms. And at the last closing date for BAT's earlier offer, worth $63 a share against the new $72 offer, more than 30 per cent of the Farmers stock had been tendered to the British company.

BAT's "take it or leave it" bid represents a 67 per cent premium over the $43 pre-bid level of Farmers shares last January and is 25 per cent higher than the market price this week.

Until BAT moved to break the log-jam yesterday, the Farmers bid looked likely to run for many more months in a series of legal appeals and counter appeals in the US courts.

The catalyst for the latest move was a court decision in California, Farmers' home state and largest income base, overturning an adverse ruling by the state insurance commission. Analysts see the California decision as the most important of the state regulatory hearings.

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Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, said: "The green lights from the court and the insurance regulators have confirmed our view that we can satisfy the statutory requirements. By entering into a mutually satisfactory merger agreement now, BAT and Farmers can achieve an earlier closing of the transaction to the obvious benefit of Farmers' stockholders."

BAT said that, together with favourable rulings in Arizona and Ohio, states representing 74.2 per cent of Farmers' 1987 premiums have effectively approved the acquisition or are not required to take action.

At the increased offer price BAT said it expects no significant dilution of earnings next year, the first full year of acquisition. Its net debt to equity ratio would be unlikely to exceed 70 per cent if the acquisition were completed before end-December 1988, and would then decrease rapidly.

Turning the screw further, BAT said that if Farmers did not accept the new proposal, the passage of time and additional legal costs made it increasingly unlikely that it would again offer to raise its price above $63 a share.

Farmers said its board would give "careful consideration" to the new proposals. It noted that the proposed deal must be approved by nine states and that three had rejected it. Farmers also said it was appealing against the latest California ruling.

The Farmers bid is easily BAT's most ambitious takeover foray. Victory would bring it a substantial share of the world's largest insurance market.

On current market forecasts, the new terms represent an exit price earnings multiple of about 16 times Farmers' expected earnings.

BAT shares responded well to the news, slipping just 3p to 421p in a weak market.



On top of his world: Tony Brend of Commercial Union in his London office yesterday

British profits help to boost CU and GA at half time

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Booming profits in Britain boosted the results of Commercial Union and General Accident, the first two composite insurers to report their interim figures.

CU turned in pretax profits for the six months to end-June of £111.4 million, up 36 per cent from £82.1 million last time. Domestic British business contributed the lion's share with a profit of £88 million, up from £62.1 million, helped by the mild winter weather, which reduced claims on property insurance. The interim dividend rises by 16 per cent from 16.25p to 17.25p.

The company said premium rates in Britain were still rising in many areas of business and predicted a slight increase in motor insurance rates in October. CU insisted, however, that it would not suffer from heavy claims related to the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster. It said the risk had been reinsured widely around insurance markets, ensuring that CU itself would not be severely affected when claims started coming in.

Life assurance profits grew rapidly, rising 23 per cent to £17.5 million as premium income on some products rose by up to 187 per cent.

Mr Tony Brend, CU's chief executive, said underwriting conditions in the US remained relatively healthy, but the pretax loss rose by nearly £4 million to £4.6 million.

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General Accident reported a pretax profit of £152.5 million, against £93 million last year after a strong recovery in the British market, the company said. Premiums in Britain rose by 15 per cent to £456 million with all main areas of business showing a sharp improvement in underwriting performance in the second quarter.

Premium income in the US also rose although the underwriting loss was up slightly to £27.4 million.

The company is increasing the interim dividend from 12.5p to 15.5p.

GA said further underwriting progress, particularly on British business, would be difficult to achieve although the outlook for most areas of operation worldwide was good.

Both insurance companies benefited from relatively low claims experience, particularly from disasters and bad weather. The Piper Alpha disaster is estimated to produce claims of at least $1.2 billion (£710 million) from insurance markets around the world, but most of the claims will fall on reinsurers. GA said its exposure was less than £500,000.

Shares fall on rates fears

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Stock markets took a lead from Tokyo yesterday after Tuesday's rise in US interest rates gave the Japanese stock market its worst day this year.

The Nikkei index dropped 615.49 points, or 2.18 per cent, on fears that the Japanese discount rate will have to rise from its low of 2.5 per cent to curb the dollar's recovery.

Share prices opened weaker in London, despite the strength of sterling. In the afternoon, the share market became even weaker as the Dow Jones industrial average started slipping in New York.

By the close, the FT-SE had fallen by 22.7 points (1.2 per cent) to 1,839.9, with half the fall coming after lunch.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones lost 31.30 points to 2,047.83 by early afternoon.

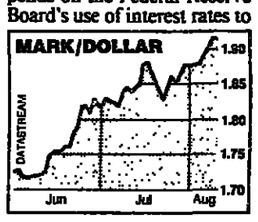
The dollar continued its three-month summer rise against the mark in the morning, knocking German bonds.

But it slipped back later in New York as dealers sold on fears that central banks would not allow the dollar to rise further. There was, however, no sign of large-scale intervention.

In London, the dollar ended at DM1.9180, slightly below Tuesday's New York close.

The pound remained firm against all currencies after Monday's unexpected base rate rise. Sterling gained nearly a pfennig to DM3.2414 and even added a quarter of a cent to $1.6900.

But stock markets fear that currency markets could face a period of renewed instability before the American presidential election in November as economic management depends on the Federal Reserve Board's use of interest rates to stem any domestic inflationary pressures.



This could lead to a further competitive spiral of interest rates around the world.

- The Bank of England had no trouble selling the planned £750 million of Treasury 8.5 per cent 1994 "A" at its latest gilt-auction.

But it had to concede a minimum price of £92⅜ per £100 of stock, £1⅛ below Tuesday's closing quotation for existing stock, to give a redemption yield of 10.38 per cent. Bids totalled £2.3 billion and 85 per cent of bids at the lowest accepted price were met.

News Corp prepared to sell stake in Reuters

By Our City Staff

The News Corporation is prepared to sell its 6.8 per cent share stake in Reuters Holdings as part of the financing of its $3 billion (£1.77 billion) purchase of Triangle Publications, but is intending to retain its 20.5 per cent interest in Pearson.

The Reuters sale will not take place, however, until the high voting "A" shares are converted into a single class of shares with the same voting rights as those currently enjoyed by the "B" shares.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, a Reuters director and chief executive of The News Corporation, has undertaken that The News Corporation's "A" shares will be voted in favour of the proposal to convert the equity into a single class.

The "A" shares are not freely transferable. Any "A" shareholder wishing to sell has first to offer the shares to existing "A" shareholders and then to members of the Newspaper Publishers Association. The News Corporation owns 9.5 million "A" shares directly and has further interests through Australian Associated Press and New Zealand Press Association.

Other asset sales are also being contemplated to finance the Triangle acquisition, but the timescale for the sales can be extended because it will take several months for the purchase of Triangle to be completed. This will enable the Reuters sale to form part of an orderly marketing with other shareholdings which may be sold.

The Reuters shareholding is likely to be worth some $200 million (£118 million).

Among the other assets of The News Corporation which are likely to be put up for sale are areas of land in Australia and property in London. The company owns some potentially valuable Thames-side warehouses.

The News Corporation has substantial uncommitted credit lines available to it.

GKN cautious as interim hits £84m

By Alexandra Jackson

GKN, the motor components, defence and industrial services group, lifted profits from £67 million to £84 million in the half to end-June.

Mr David Lees, who took over from Sir Trevor Holdsworth as chairman in May, said he was "reasonably pleased" with the performance.

However, Mr Lees showed characteristic caution and gave a warning that the healthy level of activity being experienced by GKN might decline towards the end of the year although there were no signs of this as yet.

Sales rose from £961.2 million to £1.02 billion during the half-year. Interim dividend rises to 6.25p from 5.5p. Shareholders may choose shares instead of dividends.

Adverse currency movements knocked about £90 million off turnover and reduced pre-tax profits by £3 million. A redundancy charge of £5 million was taken above the line, mostly from GKN's European businesses, compared with £4 million previously. There were extraordinary redundancy charges of a further £2.1 million (£1.4 million).

Domestic businesses performed most strongly, contributing 41 per cent of sales (37 per cent) and 37 per cent of profits (20 per cent).

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Panel may extend Irish Distillers bid

By Colin Campbell

The Takeover Panel is likely to extend GC&C Brands's controversial bid for Irish Distillers by two weeks to allow the parties to surmount a timetable forced on the bidders by the European Commission.

Under Panel rules, the Guinness-Allied Lyons-Grand Metropolitan consortium bid, made via GC&C Brands, lapses on August 26, and the bidder has until tomorrow to decide whether to raise its Ir315p offer.

However, the bidder – against whom the European Commission has issued an adverse ruling – is only able to argue its case in Brussels on August 24, by which time tomorrow's deadline would have passed. This week, GC&C, with a low level of acceptances in hand, extended its Ir315p a share cash bid until August 19.

Irish Distillers was yesterday arguing its point of view before the Takeover Panel in London.

An extension would allow GC&C to re-consider its position and possibly take steps to overcome the objections of the European Commission.

These objections were, *inter alia*, that by joining hands in what Irish Distillers has called " an unholy alliance," the three bidders had ruled out the possibility of a competitive bid.

Group poised to fend off Mecca in Hard Rock battle

Supporters line up behind Pleasurama

By Cliff Feltham

Pleasurama, the casinos and holiday group, seemed on course for victory last night in its battle to take over the Hard Rock Café chain, despite fierce opposition from the Mecca entertainments group.

Mecca has launched a hostile £620 million takeover bid for the much larger Pleasurama, provided Pleasurama shareholders veto the Hard Rock acquisition and a rights issue at a special meeting tomorrow.

But last night there were firm indications that Pleasurama will gain the support it needs from shareholders – even though several leading institutions are backing Mecca's case that the deal needs closer examination.

Mecca has said that, if it fails to win support at the meeting, its bid will lapse – although, significantly, it has reserved the right to waive that condition. Mr Barry Hardy, a director of Pleasurama, said: "If we win on Friday, then Mecca should do the honourable thing and call this bid off. A vote in favour of the Hard Rock acquisition is a vote of confidence in the actions of the board and management of Pleasurama."

Both companies have been busy canvassing support from institutions throughout the last week. Pleasurama needs to obtain support from 75 per cent of votes cast at the meeting, and sources close to the company were last night confident that it was already holding sufficient proxies to rubber stamp the Hard Rock deal.

Institutions widely expected to have sided with Pleasurama include Scottish Amicable Life Assurance, which owns 4.8 per cent of the ordinary shares, and Robert Fleming with a 4.5 per cent holding. M&W Investment Management, however – with 2.7 per cent and the fourth largest shareholder – is understood to have supported the Mecca view.

Mecca has claimed that Pleasurama's plans to expand Hard Rock will result in an erosion of the unique appeal of the restaurant and the possible loss of the merchandizing appeal, once the brand name becomes commonplace.

Mecca's contention that its own management has been more aggressive and successful since it was floated on the stock market has been attacked by Mecca. Last night, Mecca would not say how it would react to a Pleasurama victory at tomorrow's meeting. "We are in no position to say what we would do until we have digested the message coming back from shareholders."

But observers believe that Mecca is unlikely to throw in the towel at this stage, and would endeavour to unwind or renegotiate the Hard Rock acquisition if its takeover bid was successful.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Staley broker sold by Tate & Lyle to Drexel

Tate & Lyle, the sugar refiner, has recouped another $35 million (£20.6 million) of the $1.48 billion it paid for Staley Continental, the US corn syrup group, with the sale of its commodities brokerage to Drexel Burnham Lambert, the Wall Street investment house.

Staley Commodities International has offices in Chicago, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri. The deal also marks the end of a multi-million dollar lawsuit which Staley brought against Drexel in 1985, after the investment house launched a highly-leveraged bid, said Staley. In addition, Staley has entered into a contract to run for at least two years for Drexel to carry out its agricultural hedging operations, previously conducted by the subsidiary being sold. The deal is the third disposal since Tate bought Staley earlier this summer. No further large Staley sell-offs are now expected.

Beales ahead 36% to £2m

John Beales, the clothing to refrigeration company, lifted pre-tax profits 36 per cent to £2.06 million in the six months to end-May, after a break-even performance from Southern & Redfern, its most recent acquisition. Beales bought the previously loss-making company, which has interests in refrigeration and electrical goods, for a maximum of £1.35 million. A final dividend of 4.65p made 6.3p for the year, from 5.5p.

TIP Europe tankers deal

TIP Europe, the trailer rental company, has bought Greenland Transport Equipment, a specialist tanker trailer rental and leasing company, for £960,000. Greenland currently operates a fleet of 72 road tanker trailers. TIP intends to increase Greenland's fleet to 100 by the end of the year. The consideration will be satisfied by a cash payment of £100,000 and the issue of loan notes for £860,000.

Grand Central buys

Grand Central Investment Holdings, the Far East food group, has added to its Australian network with the Aus$2.67 million (£1.25 million) purchase of Dinnie Randle, Western Australia's largest independent wholesaler of chocolate and confectionery, from Peters (Western Australia).

The buy will be funded from the proceeds of the £4.27 million June rights issue. Of the consideration, Aus$550,000 comprises the repayment of an inter-company loan. In the year to end-June 1987, profits before tax and charges were Aus$255,000, with Aus$440,000 expected this year.

Rink rejects £28m offer

Wolstenholme Rink, the printing materials group, has sent to shareholders its first formal rejection of the £28 million takeover bid by Cookson Group, the metals and chemicals concern, attacking it as "vague" and with "little commercial logic." But there is no profit forecast for the year to end-December. Wolstenholme's shares are currently more than 70p above the Cookson share offer.

IFG stake for Clayhithe

Clayhithe, the industrial holding company, has bought 35 per cent of IFG Securities, a management, investment and financial services group based in Dublin, for Ir£650,000 (£500,000). IFG has investments in many industrial and financial services companies. It will use the funds to expand in these areas. IFG also has 75 per cent of Diamond Windows.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 21

Call options were taken out on: 10/8/88 Porter Chadburn, United Biscuits, Sears, Noble & Lund, Amersham International, Ecobric, BP, Sovereign Oil & Gas, Eagle Trust, Chartsearch, Fergabrook.
Puts & Calls: Baldwin, Fergabrook.

TEMPUS

CU and GA ready to beat the fall

The season for composite insurance company interims began yesterday with two sets of healthy results which were so much in line with market expectations that they caused barely a murmur. Yet they showed that both Commercial Union and General Accident are in relatively good shape to handle a fall in premium rates over the next year or two.

The strength of the British market for both companies was evident in several ways. GA, for example, even managed to make an underwriting profit on its personal motor insurance — no mean feat when the level of insurance claims tends to suggest that people are driving blindfold. With the relatively mild winter, property claims were also on the low side for both companies — again unusual when the rising claims experience in most years seems to imply the impending arrival of an ice-age accompanied by storms, droughts, floods and other insurance disasters.

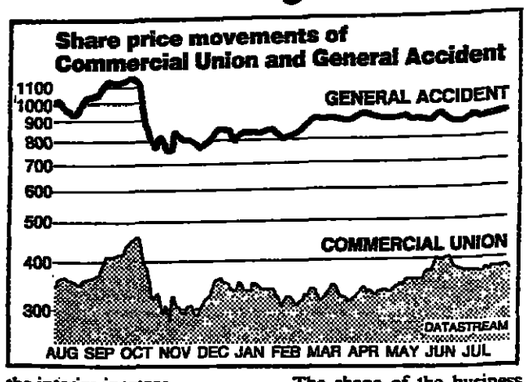
There is every reason to suppose that the British market will continue to produce good results at least until the end of this year, which bodes well for the full-year results of the composites. Anxious eyes are turning, however, to the US where premium rates on large commercial business are beginning to drop alarmingly. This has not affected the results of CU and GA at the half-way stage, nor is it likely to in the second half to any great extent.

Both companies are, for the time being, insulated from the worst of the premium rate falls. CU is but mostly involved in small-scale commercial business in the US where rates have not yet started to fall. GA is more heavily into personal insurance where rates are still holding up well. At present, the softness in premium rates appears to be a patchy affair and some insurance men have persuaded themselves that it will not develop into a more generalized phenomenon.

Time will tell, but these results show that the two companies will be hit later than most if a fall does come.

Gone are the days when CU presented a complete contrast to the more solid and steady GA. It is clear that CU's drive to become a steady performer has continued. For instance, the high proportion of life insurance profits in the group's results add a useful element of predictability.

It also more than covers the cost of the dividend payout, which is good news for CU shareholders. General insurance profits are not yet required to contribute the dividend and the company is clearly determined to improve its payouts in real terms. GA's 24 per cent dividend increase was even more impressive. The full-year rise for both companies is likely to follow the interim increase.



With such a good first half, neither company is likely to have a radically better second half. That leaves profit estimates roughly double the interim figures: £220 million for the year for CU and £320 million for GA, giving prospective p/e ratios of about 11.5 and 8.5 respectively.

GKN

GKN's interim results look good year on year but in reality the company has still not recovered the trading profit levels reported for the first half of 1986.

A lower interest charge and healthier performance from related companies have been the main factors which turned the 9 per cent shortfall at the trading level to a 13 per cent pre-tax advance.

The shape of the business has changed during the intervening months, and latest results show the growing importance of GKN's British-based businesses.

This swing was partly caused by more difficult conditions in Continental Europe and the United States but it was also due to the stronger performance from the industrial and defence activities.

The strategic decision to manage the three core businesses — automotives, defence and industrial services — as separate units is starting to pay off.

The autoparts business in the US is performing well below par with margins half what they should be.

Recent acquisitions are not having the desired effect, and further action is necessary.

The automotives market remains competitive in Europe and in the US. GKN has further to go to cut its costs, especially in Europe if margins are to be sustained.

In the US, there is a drive to increase volumes. Three new contracts should help this year. Another two are expected to be announced within a few weeks.

A lower tax charge, attributed to GKN's substantial past British tax losses, should contribute to the expected rise in earnings per share from 34.7p last year to 37.5p this year on a pre-tax profits forecast of £160 million. This puts the shares on a p/e of 8.7 times.

The yield — 6.5 per cent prospective — remains the principal attraction as the earnings progression — 8 per cent — is otherwise unremarkable.

Simon Engineering

Simon Engineering was on notice that if it did not perform this year, it could expect to find a bidder at its door.

The message appears to have hit home and, under new management, Simon is able to show pre-tax profits of £11.74 million for the six months ended June, compared with £9.41 million before.

The last time Simon turned in such respectable half-time figures was for the six months ended June, 1986. The signal seems to be that its once dreary record has been left behind.

The 30 per cent improvement in the interim dividend not only reflects that there will be a better balance between individual payments and six-monthly results, but also that the time has come to reward shareholders

Of the 40 per cent improvement in operating profit, an estimated 14 per cent was due to organic growth, with acquisition benefits bringing in the balance.

There is a "for sale" sign over the group's chemical merchanting arm, and certain of the food equipment businesses are also to be sold.

Financial goals include a further improvement in the return on capital employed — currently running around the 18.5 per cent level and set for at least 20 per cent within a reasonable time-frame — and a continued and meaningful increase in net earnings per share.

Pre-tax profits of at least £30.5 million (£23.5 million) are possible, rising to £36 million the following year. That makes Simon shares at 284p — up 2p and offering a 9.7 times rating — worth holding.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,001	CU	4,158	Laporte	175	Saatchi	842
Abbey	1,077	Cons Gold	1,149	L&G	1,321	Sainsbury	1,088
Allid-Lyons	1,487	Cookson	1,352	Lloyds	558	Scot & N	2,172
Amstrad	2,076	Courtaulds	847	Lonrho	737	Sears	12,243
ASDA	2,745	Dalgety	586	Lucas	496	Sedgwick	4,249
AB Foods	436	Dee	1,732	Magnet	252	Shell	1,084
Argyll	919	Dixons	750	M&S	5,879	Slebe	292
BAA	1,255	ECC	309	Maxwell Cm	554	Slough	523
BET	1,259	Enterprise	527	MEPC	441	Smith & N	2,540
BTR	2,276	Ferranti	1,065	Metal Box	1,899	Smith WH	156
BAT	2,630	Fisons	612	Midland	589	Smiths Ind	1,175
Barclays	1,844	FKI Babck	2,339	NatWest	785	STC	2,114
Bass	654	Gen Acc	626	Next	1,935	Stan Chart	1,284
Beecham	2,685	GEC	5,095	Nth Food	184	Storehse	726
Beazer	2,620	Glaxo	1,419	P&O	1,202	Sun Alince	1,073
Berisfd SW	187	Globe Inv	246	Pearl	207	T & N	589
BICC	354	Glynwed	369	Pearson	640	Tarmac	2,026
Blue Arrow	4,097	Granada	1,478	Pilkington	1,789	Tate & Lyle	619
Blue Circle	601	Grand Met	2,734	Plessey	1,466	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	759	GUS 'A'	408	Polly Peck	4,118	TSB	1,067
Boots	2,562	GRE	1,206	Prudential	2,956	Tesco	1,521
BPB	1,752	GKN	2,516	Racal	3,882	Thorn EMI	988
Br Aero	1,708	Guinness	1,098	Rk Hovis	2,832	Trafalgar	942
Br Airways	3,134	Hamm 'A'	105	Rank	168	THF	1,592
Br Comm	2,149	Hanson	4,357	R&C	411	Ultramar	1,675
Br Gas	4,283	H & C	186	Redland	2,025	Unigate	774
Br Land	515	Hawker	259	Reed	1,507	Unilever	2,093
Br Petrol	4,003	Hillsdown	2,127	Reuters	2,381	United Bis	319
Br Telecm	3,509	IMI	166	RMC Gp	347	Utd News	239
Bunzl	750	ICI	5,151	RTZ	3,769	Wellcome	748
Burmah	1,048	Inchcape	688	R-Royce	1,768	Whitbrd	219
Burton	2,458	Jaguar	1,843	Rothmn 'B'	354	Williams	1,220
C&W	2,474	Lasmo	1,523	Rowntree	6	Willis Fab	381
Cadbury	3,080	Ladbroke	3,141	Royal Bank	379	Wimpey G	267
Coats	969	Land Sec	1,387	Royal Ins	2,811	Woolworth	197

Shares fall as corruption inquiry widens its net

HK officials in 'share bribe' case

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption yesterday charged six past and present Stock Exchange officials — including Mr Charles Sin, the chairman — with accepting share bribes.

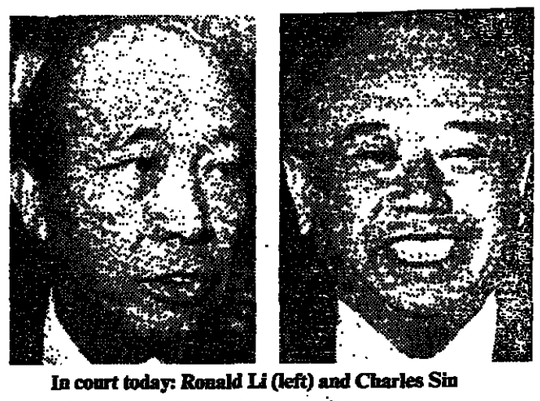
And the anti-corruption watchdogs revealed that they had filed further charges against Mr Ronald Li, the former chairman, and widened the net to include Cathay Pacific, the airline group, and Hysan Development, the property company, in their investigations.

The new defendants include Mr Sin and three exchange vice-chairmen — Mr Kenneth Wong, Mr Cham Siu-leun and Mr Joseph Ma.

The other two are Mr John Chong, a former vice-chairman, and Mr Edward Woo, a member of the exchange decision-making committee.

The six will appear in court today with Mr Li and Mr Jeffrey Sun, a former chief executive, who are on bail totalling more than HK$12 million (£890,000).

Share prices fell sharply on the ICAC announcement. The Hang Seng index fell 75.80 points to 2,558.24, a drop of 2.9 per cent, before recovering to close at 2,579.38.



In court today: Ronald Li (left) and Charles Sin

Mr Li is on HK$10 million bail after being charged with accepting more than 1 million shares from the Hong Kong division of Kumagai Gumi, the Japanese construction group, as an inducement to approve a Gumi share issue.

Mr Sun is charged with accepting a beneficial interest in two allotments of a total 91,000 shares in QPL (Holdings), a computer component maker, from the company in January 1987. And he faces one charge of accepting a beneficial interest in the allotment of 100,000 shares in Video Technology, maker of television games, from the company in June 1986.

Yesterday, Mr Li was charged with four more counts of accepting share bribes connected with the flotation of Cathay Pacific, Video Technology, QPL and Hysan, and another charge of accepting sub-underwriting commissions connected with the Cathay Pacific share flotation. The ICAC also charged Mr Sun in connection with the flotation of Hysan Development.

Of the six charged yesterday, Mr Sin, Mr Wong, Mr Cham and Mr Chong were each accused of accepting bribes in connection with the flotation of Video Technology, QPL and Hysan. Mr Ma and Mr Woo face similar charges connected with QPL and Hysan.

A Hong Kong Exchange spokesman said yesterday: "The people concerned have no part in the current management of the exchange, and the operation of the exchange will continue as normal."

Mr David Gledhill, the chairman of Cathay Pacific, said yesterday: "We cannot of course comment on the charges. We can state, however, that neither Cathay Pacific nor the Swire Group, nor any of their management, were aware until the ICAC investigation that there was any suggestion that Ronald Li had allegedly obtained an advantage out of the flotation of Cathay Pacific."

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Wholesale Fittings to expand after £7m year

By Rosemary Unsworth

Wholesale Fittings, the electrical distributor, has boosted full-year, pre-tax profits by 25 per cent to £7 million — slightly more than was expected.

Turnover rose by 21 per cent from £42.9 million to £52.1 million in the year to April 29. The final dividend of 10.2p makes a total of 12.89p, compared with 10.08p last time.

The group, which was based mainly in London and the South-east, has expanded with the opening of depots in Bristol, Leicester, Peterborough and Wellingborough. A fifth is soon to open in Fulham, London. Five more are set to open this year.

COMPANY BRIEFS

IND NEWSPAPERS (Int) Ir
Pre-tax: £5.02(£3.77)m
EPS: 17.0 (12.7)p
Div: 5 (4.5)p
Turnover Ir£65.42 (£43.09)m. Strengthening of Irish economy contributed to improved trading for national/provincial papers.

FLOGAS (fin) Ir
Pre-tax: £3.93 (£4.24)m
EPS: 17.93 (19.62)p
Div: 3.746 mkg 5.846p
Turnover Ir£22.21 (£19.70)m. Final dividend 1987 (5.313)p. Profit transferred to reserves Ir£2.36 (£2.69)m.

PROP SECURITY IT (fin)
Pre-tax: £5.83 (£5.61)m
EPS: 5.34 (4.52)p
Div: 2 (1.4) mkg 3.25p
Net asset value 185 (158)p. Buoyancy of the market gives the company an opportunity to review their investments.

CU ASSURANCE

SIX MONTHS' REVIEW

ASSURANCE

Pre-tax profit increased to £111.4m

★ Operating profit before taxation increased by 36% to £111.4m (1987 £82.1m).

★ Excellent performance in the United Kingdom and improved profits from most other territories.

★ Strong growth in life and savings new business.

★ Shareholders' funds £1,300m.

★ Interim dividend raised by 16% to 7.25p.

SIX MONTHS' HIGHLIGHTS

	6 months 1988 Unaudited	6 months 1987 Unaudited	
Total premium income	£1,646.3m	£1,548.9m	+6%
Operating profit before taxation	£111.4m	£82.1m	+36%
Operating profit after taxation	£65.4m	£51.0m	+28%
Earnings per share	15.6p	12.3p	+27%
Interim dividend per share	7.25p	6.25p	+16%

The interim dividend of 7.25p per share will be paid on 17 November 1988 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 25 August 1988 and will cost £30.5m (1987 £26.1m).

The Directors have agreed that shareholders be given the choice of receiving fully paid ordinary shares instead of a cash dividend and full details of the terms of the offer will be sent to shareholders with the interim report on 13 September 1988. Members of the public may obtain copies of the report thereafter from the registered office of the Company at St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London, EC3P 3DQ or by telephoning the Shareholder Relations Service on 01-283 7500, extension 8866.

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Global strength sees BOC beat forecasts with £220m

By Cliff Feltham

BOC Group, the global industrial gases to health care group run by Mr Richard Giordano, yesterday reported a 16 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits for the nine months to end-June.

The group unveiled total profits of £220.8 million – up from £190.1 million at the same stage last year – which was about £5 million more than most analysts' expectations. But currency worries continue to cloud prospects and the shares eased 4p to 413p.

"This is a good result, reflecting a strong performance in virtually all our businesses worldwide," said Mr Giordano. Turnover for the period rose from £1.4 billion to £1.5 billion, with earnings per share up 15 per cent at 30.93p.

Since the end of the trading period, BOC has completed a series of disposals. These have included the sale of its US carbon and carbide businesses, a small US dental and veterinary business, and the minority stake in Zambia Oxygen.

BOC said that these disposals had created extraordinary losses of £10 million, while there was an extraordinary tax charge of £8.5 million in respect of the carbon business.

The expected proceeds of these disposals are included on the balance sheet as investments. Some £107 million has been received since the end of the nine months and will be used to reduce group debt.

During the trading spell, BOC's Asian Pacific region turned in the star performance, boosting profits at the operating level from £44.7 million to just over £53 million.

There was also a strong showing in Europe which lifted earnings from £65.5 million to £78 million.

The Americas improved from £78.7 million to £91.1 million, while Africa showed a more modest rise – from £23.3 million to £26.4 million.

BOC stands to receive a windfall of around £42 million after the sale or liquidation of five subsidiaries of Commonwealth Industrial Gases, the Australian group in which it holds 87 per cent.

Needwood building up to float

By Martin Waller

Mr Peter Aldridge, well known in the building materials industry and twice head of Thermalite, the maker of building blocks, is seeking a market flotation within three years for his new vehicle, Needwood.

The group has just completed the £34 million purchase of the builders' merchants division of Whitecroft, with assistance from James Capel's new development capital division.

The deal brought several new shareholders on board, including Tarmac, the building materials group, with about 5 per cent, and several of the institutions which backed the 1983 management buyout at Thermalite.

The management is taking 16 per cent, which can increase to a maximum of 40 per cent depending on future profits by the flotation date in 1991. Mr Aldridge said yesterday that he saw 30 per cent as a more achievable target, and even this would need a gruelling profits increase.

The Whitecroft division included 26 outlets in North Wales, the Midlands, the North and South-east. To build a proper national network Needwood needs another 50 and ideally a total of 150 to cover the entire country. About half this growth would come organically, by adding greenfield sites, and the rest by acquisition, said Mr Aldridge.



Industry ripe for consolidation: Gordon Currie, marketing director (left), Peter Aldridge (centre) and Alan Gardner, financial director of Needwood

The £5 billion-plus builders' merchanting market is highly fragmented, with only half the 2,500 to 3,000 outlets held by the 10 biggest companies, estimate James Capel's building analysts. The industry is therefore ripe for the kind of consolidation seen among housebuilders over the past 10 years.

The equity financing deal provides the facility for about £21 million for further expansion and recourse to shareholders such as 3i, the Prudential and Lloyds Bank for funds.

NatWest new look 'to meet change'

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank yesterday announced a substantial reorganization of the group's divisional structure to cope with growing competition and change in banking markets.

It is the first big restructuring since the group was formed by the merger of three banks in 1969.

Four main divisions are being created to combine product development and marketing in each area instead of splitting them between different departments. Mr Charles Green, group deputy chairman, said: "It is a response to a new view of the market place and to greater competition. The focus of the old system had gone a bit wrong and was beginning to create confusion."

The two most important changes in the new structure are the UK financial services division, to be headed by Mr Roger Flemington, and the corporate and institutional banking division, headed by Mr John Melbourn.

All domestic services for personal, small business and medium-sized company customers will be brought into the British division, including non-banking services such as insurance, investment and advice. The aim is to co-ordinate more strongly the marketing of all kinds of products through the branch network.

The largest British and overseas customers will, however, be handled by the corporate and institutional division which will also include the group's treasury operations. The debt and capital markets operations of National Westminster Investment Bank will also be brought into the division.

The international department will handle NatWest's overseas retail banking in the US and Europe as well as private banking and offshore banking. A support service group will handle information technology.

Three smaller divisions – financial control, strategy and communications and personnel – are unchanged.

Most of the big clearing banks have restructured their operations in the past two years to focus on specific areas of the market. NatWest believes that its own reorganization, due to come into effect at the start of the next year, will also cut management costs.

COMMENT David Brewerton

An exceedingly good defence from RHM

Ranks Hovis McDougall has to be ready to switch the emphasis of its defence from attacking the highly-geared nature of the Goodman Fielder Wattie bid to demonstrating its own considerable worth. At the very least, the defence document, likely soon, will have to contain a profits estimate for the financial year about to end, with the promise of another increase in dividend.

And at the very least, the profits forecast will have to be close to the mid point in the brokers' range of £150 million to £160 million, while there will be some long faces if the dividend increase is less than 20 per cent. An increase of 25 per cent would be greeted with enthusiasm.

But even those will not be enough. Before the dreaded "twenty-first day" when the buying shackles are cut off, RHM will need to feel able to produce a forecast for the coming year. After all, the management budgets are all prepared.

On another front, lobbyists have been working overtime to persuade anyone who will listen that the bid should be referred to the Monopilies Commission. The strategy, devised by RHM, is one of high risk, for it is precisely such a chain of events which eventually delivered Rowntree into the hands of Nestlé.

The worst enemy of any share price, let alone the shares of a company in the midst of a takeover bid, is uncertainty, and nothing creates uncertainty like the deliberations of Sir Gordon Borrie and his colleagues at the Office of Fair Trading. If there is a hint that he may recommend referral of the bid, the RHM price is likely to wilt. And if it wilts, then Goodman Fielder Wattie can move into the market and grab control.

RHM will have to be careful not to fall into the self-same trap. The OFT, of course, took too long thinking about Rowntree, and it is to be hoped that somebody has impressed on the Borriemen that they need to clear the air before Goodman Fielder is freed to start buying more RHM shares in the market. This is in just over two weeks' time.

The point that RHM must get across is that the Goodman Fielder bid is not generous, and that if it fails, whether from shareholders' loyalty to RHM, or because of the intervention of the OFT, the share price is underpinned by Goodman's continuing interest.

BAT's bold move

Mr Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, has so far handled the pursuit of Farmers Inc with kid gloves. And well he might. Farmers would become the jewel in the group's financial services division and add a growing, high-quality income stream to the group. BAT needs to make sure that the key players stay on the team, so it was a bold move to carry the battle into the Farmers boardroom with a force play of some originality.

Mr Sheehy's 10-day offer of $72 a share catches Farmers directors in some formidable cross-fire. They are now stranded between their legal obligation to act in the best interests of stockholders, and current threats of legal actions from disgruntled investors who clearly find BAT's earlier $63 dollar a share offer attractive, let alone the latest top-up. It is most unlikely that they will resist for much longer the forces pushing them towards the negotiating table. To do otherwise would risk a rash of suits for breach of fiduciary duty.

The start of serious talks would be a two-fold coup for BAT. First because Farmers had given no indication that it was willing to move in this direction until the tortuous US legal processes in nine states had reached a conclusion, and second because there is now every hope that time and expense involved in the Farmers bid will be much truncated.

The outlook for BAT is now set fair. During the heavy trading of Farmers stock so far this year, the arbitrageurs have become a key factor. They may now account for 25 to 35 per cent of Farmers stock, according to Wall Street guesstimates. By definition the arbs are looking to accept the higher offer at the earliest opportunity. BAT has its quarry in sight and if yesterday's deft move is any guide, is unlikely to falter now.

Racal's right to manage

Racal shareholders have until Sunday to deliver proxies in the battle over the proposed £2 billion flotation of Vodafone. They have three main issues to consider. First, the seductive but theoretical assertion of Millicom, the US electronics group, that shareholders would suffer a double discount if the Racal plans for a 20 per cent sale of stock in Vodafone is passed.

On the second issue, synergy, Racal is adamant that both Vodafone and the rest of its businesses need to stay together to derive maximum benefits from the convergence of technologies in all the core operations. The synergies resulting from a pooling of financial and technological resources would be damaged, says Racal, if Millicom's idea of a Vodafone demerger is pursued.

The third and most crucial issue, though, is one of backing a successful board over the crucial issue of its right to manage. On the latter point, Millicom has failed to make a strong enough case for rejecting Racal's proposals. Shareholders should back their board.

Goldsmith doubles profits

By Our City Staff

General Oriental Investments, the main holding company of Sir James Goldsmith, increased its gross profits from $136 million (£80 million) to $236.3 million in the year to end-March.

Net profits of $210.3 million were slightly more than double last year's figure, with earnings per share reaching $1.92, compared with 97 cents.

However, the company is paying a dividend of 50 cents, half last year's level

In a year which incorporated the stock market crash, the company managed to make net gains of $167.8 million on transactions in investments, compared with $108.2 million the previous year.

Profits were also increased by the company's timberlands and related operations. Net trading results of these businesses were $42.2 million, compared with $8.2 million.

Ultramar defies oil slip to strike £40m

By Colin Campbell

Ultramar, the geographically widespread oil group in which Sir Ron Brierley holds a 13.5 per cent stake, believes it has ridden out a period of low world oil prices in reasonable form to raise interim dividend from 2.3p to 2.5p a share.

Mr John Darby, who assumed the office of chairman on July 1, reports an interim profit from continuing operations of £24.7 million compared with £21.6 million, on sales marginally higher at £566.6 million (£565.2 million).

Thanks to an exceptional £17.4 million profit arising because of the changed structure of the group's Canadian pension plan, Ultramar shows a pre-tax profit of £40.1 million for the six months ended June 30 compared with £28.1 million, and net earnings of 14.4p (10.2p) a share.

The group's average oil price received was slightly lower at $15.30 (£9) a barrel in the first half of 1988, but higher margins were achieved on its Eastern Canada operations. Benefits have now started to flow from the earlier restructuring of the United States West Coast marketing company where 15 service stations have been added to the chain.

Mr Darby says the appraisal drilling programme in the North Sea should confirm the prospects for substantially increased North Sea production in the 1990s. However, there has been a reduced contribution from Indonesian exploration and production activities following the dispute since March 31 between Japanese buyers and Pertamina.

Mr Darby said he found it difficult to forecast world oil prices, though he remained confident of their trend for the 1990s. Ultramar spent about £25 million on exploration in the first half of this year.

The shares fell 2p to 288p.

FKI may float off division

By Our City Staff

FKI Babcock, the electricals and engineering group, is considering floating off its British electricals products division on the Unlisted Securities Market.

But an FKI spokesman emphasized yesterday that no definite plans had yet been made.

FKI was waiting to see how shareholders voted on the proposed flotation of Racal's Vodafone division before deciding whether it should, in turn, float off part of its business as a separate entity.

Any flotation would be scheduled for next year and would probably involve FKI releasing only 10 per cent of the new vehicle's equity.

FKI is considering the flotation because it believes the business is undervalued, and also to provide incentives to the management.

FKI Babcock was formed last year when FKI took over the larger Babcock International business.



Ultramar

1988 - THE FIRST HALF

HIGHLIGHTS	First Six Months 1988 £ million	First Six Months 1987 £ million	Change
SALES REVENUE	566.6	565.2	
CASH FLOW FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	74.2	71.1	+ 4%
PROFIT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	24.7	21.6	+14%
NET PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	40.1	28.1	+43%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	14.4p	10.2p	+41%
INTERIM DIVIDEND (NET) PER SHARE	2.5p	2.3p	+ 9%

OUTLOOK

"The strength of the Group during this period of oil price weakness lies in our balance between upstream and downstream assets."

"The expansion of the Indonesian LNG plant at Bontang and the further sophistication of our Quebec refinery are scheduled to be completed within the next two years. Our appraisal drilling programme in the North Sea should confirm the prospects for substantially increased North Sea production in the 1990's."

"We look to these developments to be the basis of continued growth in our operations."

John Darby
Chairman

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Lawyers, letters and a brolly. . .

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The lead item in *The Times* City Diary on Friday of last week, about the five-strong merger and acquisitions team leaving Hoare Govett, the broker, for Swiss Bank Corporation seems to have gone down little better than the original letters of resignation. I can now reveal that Peter Large, the M&A team leader, and his colleagues hotly dispute suggestions that they were "grilled" about missing Hoare documents or "embarrassed" about anything else in the wake of their departure. Following a post-resignation meeting at which a Hoare lawyer was present and an exchange of correspondence, I hear that Large has now put Hoare's response to the resignations in the hands of his own lawyers. Conscious that this could become a lawyers' beanfeast, I trust that both sides will reach an amicable and civilized solution before costs escalate. And Large, who departed for a summer holiday in Cornwall at the weekend, has indeed, not lost his sense of humour. His latest thoughts relate to his golfing umbrella – which is, I hear, still in Hoare's safe custody – in case the weather on the links breaks.

● **Is textile group Dawson a refuge for child labour victims? According to a release Bill Simpson has just become director of human resources. But as he is only 39, and spent 10 years with the Industrial Society after 15 in industry, he must have started out at 14.**

Kleinwort's handicap

The office outing season is in full swing but one senior salesman at Kleinwort Grieveson had to watch his liquid intake last week when he and seven colleagues went to play golf against management at their client, Merrydown Wine. The nine-hole course at Horam, East Sussex, was home course for Merrydown so they took the trophy. But they rewarded the Kleinwort player of the day, industrial analyst Paul Burke, with three bottles of champagne and a bottle of Israeli Allelujah orange liqueur. Just as well the bottles are still intact as a Kleinwort player was before the quack the following morning for a Bupa medical. He was given a clean bill of health and told that he was in no danger of needing to cut down on the booze...

Family ties at Hermes

Whether you are about to lose your job or not, a Hermes tie is nowadays *de rigueur* for the young turks of the Square Mile. Sales of the ties – which retail at upwards of £44 each – rose by 20 per cent in the 12 months to July. And sales of other Hermes status wares similarly give no clue to the recent stock market crash. Indeed, so encouraging is the climate, that Hermes – still resolutely family-controlled – is now poised for a large expansion in Britain. With outlets so far in Bond Street and Royal Exchange – where the City does its shopping – it will open another in Sloane Street in November and has plans for Edinburgh, Manchester and Bath. It hopes to have 240 outlets world-wide by the year-end, so can a float be far away? "The family were obviously tempted to consider it at one time," says Caroline Butt, general manager and company secretary of Hermes (GB), "but decided they preferred to remain, as they say, *maître chez soi*."



"I said I can't imagine you buying water shares."

Carol Leonard

GPT rings up £120m China deal

By John Spicer

GEC-Plessey Telecommunications (GPT) has won a £120 million order from the Chinese government for the manufacture, sale and distribution of the company's digital business communications system after four years of talks.

The 15-year agreement involves ISDX – integrated services digital exchange – and includes the phased transfer of technology from Britain to Shanghai, where production will provide 100,000 telephone lines a year.

Mr John Hooley, GPT's external communications executive, said the company's current production of ISDX was 300,000 lines a year. The Chinese order means that this will increase by one-third.

Less than one person in 100 in China had a telephone, compared with 50 per hundred in the UK and 80 per hundred in the US.

The deal creates a new company called the Shanghai Digital Telephone Equipment Company. The agreement was signed by GPT, the China International Trust and Investment Corporation, the Shanghai Telephone Equipment Factory and Lityan Development of Singapore.

Mr Richard Reynolds, managing director of GPT, said the venture increased the company's presence in China, which includes System X and transmission equipment.

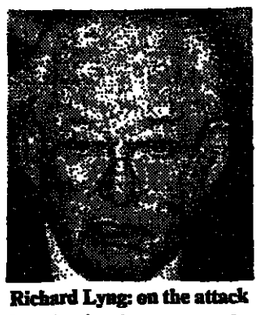
US accuses EEC of blocking progress on trade talks

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr Richard Lyng, the US Agriculture Secretary, has accused the European Economic Community of blocking progress on global trade liberalization talks by clinging to agricultural subsidies which were unacceptably high and destabilizing to world markets.

Mr Lyng's comments marked a change in the Reagan Administration's tone, which had been conciliatory in the hope of achieving progress at an important mid-term review of the negotiations in December.

"I do not think the US



Richard Lyng: on the attack

drought is the reason the Uruguay Round of world trade talks is being held up. I think it is the inability of the EEC to make any kind of fundamental change in its common agricultural policy of high intervention prices and high export subsidization," Mr Lyng said.

The US had proposed to negotiate a reduction to zero in agricultural subsidies by the year 2000 as part of the Gatt talks. But EEC officials have said this is an impossible goal even though they have authorized internal reductions in subsidies.

Mr Lyng also said that US farm subsidies, which had totalled almost $30 billion (£18 billion) annually, were now very modest in response to the drought, the worst since the 1930s, and other factors.

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General Accident

INTERIM RESULTS

The results for the six months ended 30th June 1988, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1987, which are restated at 31st December 1987 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1987.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	6 Months to 30.6.88 Estimate £ millions	6 Months to 30.6.87 Estimate £ millions	1987 Year Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	1,258.0	1,074.5	2,169.5
Long Term Business	124.8	106.6	213.6
	1,382.8	1,181.1	2,383.1
Investment Income (see note)	172.2	140.5	299.1
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	(24.0)	(52.4)	(98.3)
Long Term Business Profits	7.0	6.5	11.5
	155.2	94.6	212.3
Less Interest on Loans	2.7	1.6	3.8
UK Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	–	–	4.1
Profit before Taxation	152.5	93.0	204.4
Taxation – UK and Overseas	41.2	21.0	40.8
Profit after Taxation	111.3	72.0	163.6
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	2.1	1.7	2.4
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	109.2	70.3	161.2
Earnings per Ordinary Share	57.1p	37.9p	86.2p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.71	$1.88	$1.88
Canada	$2.08	$2.44	$2.44

Note Investment income excludes £5.6m (1987 £4.9m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	6 months to 30.6.88 Premium Income £m	6 months to 30.6.88 Underwriting Result £m	6 months to 30.6.87 Premium Income £m	6 months to 30.6.87 Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	456.4	9.6	397.3	(19.9)
U.S.A.	438.4	(26.6)	353.0	(27.4)
EEC other than U.K.	78.3	(5.3)	79.2	(6.8)
Canada	154.3	1.3	124.8	4.7
Other Overseas	82.0	0.4	65.2	(2.1)
London Market Business incl. internal reinsurance	48.6	(3.4)	55.0	(0.9)
	1,258.0	(24.0)	1,074.5	(52.4)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 17.1% and 22.6% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 11.0% and 14.3% respectively.

In the second quarter there was a worldwide underwriting loss of £1.3m (1987 £1.4m loss) with an underwriting profit in the United Kingdom of £11.6m (1987 £11.0m profit) and a loss of £11.2m (1987 £10.5m loss) in the United States. Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £1.7m (1987 £1.9m loss). The pre-tax profit for the quarter amounted to £90.7m (1987 £76.0m).

For the six months in the United Kingdom there was an underwriting profit of £9.6m (1987 £19.9m loss). A marginal profit in the Motor account for the quarter reduced the half year deficit to £1.8m (1987 £9.8m loss). The improvement seen in the first quarter result was maintained in the Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts which reported profits at the six months of £8.4m and £12.8m respectively (1987 £11.0m loss and £2.4m profit respectively). Experience in the Liabilities account, where there was some reserve strengthening, remained adverse during the half year.

For the six months net written premiums in the United States totalled $749.7m (1987 $663.7m) with an operating ratio of 105.45% as compared with 107.26% for the same period in 1987. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £26.6m (1987 £27.4m loss). Commercial lines are still showing improvement at this stage.

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £7.0m (1987 £5.1m loss). Most overseas territories reported satisfactory results although Belgium and Netherlands give concern. Reserve strengthening was a feature of the London market results for the quarter.

New annual premiums for life business in the United Kingdom for the first six months of 1988 were £22.6m (1987 £16.9m), and single premiums £16.0m (1987 £18.4m).

Dividend
The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st December 1988 of 15.5p per share (1987 12.5p per share) costing £32.5m (1987 £23.6m) payable on or after 1st January 1989 to ordinary shareholders on the Register of Members on 28th October 1988.

The Directors propose to offer ordinary shareholders the opportunity to receive fully paid ordinary shares in the Corporation in lieu of some or all of the cash dividend.

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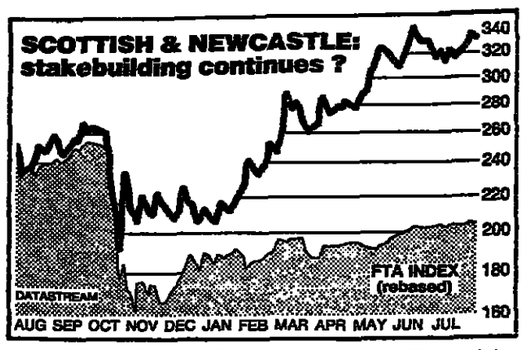
STOCK MARKET

Big buyer soaks up shares in Scottish & Newcastle group

It looks as though Mr John Elliott, the Australian brewer, is continuing to top up his holding in beleaguered Scottish & Newcastle, the brewery and Thistle hotel group.

Sharp-eyed brokers spotted several large lines of stock passing through the market yesterday at about the 330p level. Word is the shares were snapped up by County NatWest WoodMac, acting on behalf of Mr Elliott's Elders IXL – famous for its Foster's Lager – which owns the Courage brewery chain.

The first line of 750,000 went through the market at the start of trading and was followed by another parcel of 500,000 shares. The Scottish & Newcastle share price ended



Ladbroke has resisted the downward trend of the market. It closed 2p lower at 451½p but is still 6p up on the week. Interim figures soon are expected to show profits up from £55.2 million to £95 million. Dealers fear the strength of the shares means another large acquisition is planned.

the session 3p lower at 329p as a further 2.1 million shares changed hands.

This week, Elders announced it had raised its stake in S&N to 9.3 per cent. If confirmed, these latest purchases will see Elders' holding nudging towards the 10 per cent level and do little to soothe the frayed nerves of Mr Alick Rankin, S&N's chief executive, who has been facing up to the prospect of a bid for a number of years.

Brokers have now convinced themselves that Elders will eventually make a full offer for S&N – possibly even before the result of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's inquiry into Britain's public house trade is made known next year. There is talk that Mr Elliott might be prepared to pay 500p a share, valuing Scottish at more than £1.6 billion.

Mr Victor McColl, the City's drinks guru at Kleinwort Grieveson, says such a bid for S&N would make a lot of sense for Elders.

"Given the high prices people are prepared to pay for hotels, Thistle could be worth around £800 million if Elders decided to sell it off. That means it would achieve 10 per cent of the UK brewery market for just £800 million having previously paid £1.4 billion for Courage a couple of years back when it achieved only 8½ per cent of the market," he said.

The rest of the equity market continued to drift gently lower in the wake of rises in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic this week. Once again dealers managed to absorb what little selling pressure developed although the summer holiday season continued to take its toll on turnover.

By the close of business 442.2 million alpha and beta shares had been traded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system (Seaq).

On Wall Street dealers also appeared obsessed with the prospect of rising prime rates as the Dow Jones industrial average was more than 25 points lower in early trading. Falls in London were accelerated in after hours trading with share prices closing near their worst levels of the day. The FT-SE 100 closed 22.7 down at 1,839.9 having been just 3.5 easier at one stage. The narrower FT Index of 30 shares lost 19.0 to finish at 1,482.1.

Government securities spent another drab session with losses at the longer end stretching to £½.

There were signs that Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed is continuing to add to his 10.3 per cent holding in Sears. A line of 2 million shares was spotted on the ticker followed by two separate lines of a million shares. A total of 12 million were traded as the price firmed 1p to 136p.

Leading shares remained lacklustre, drifting lower on persistent small offerings. Glaxo lost another 11p at 953p, Bass 14p at 771p, P&O 13p at 578p, Reed International 10p to 436p while ICI was unchanged at £10.25p.

There was some hefty turnover reported in Polly Peck, the international trading group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, whose interests stretch from fruit packing to electronics and pharmaceuticals.

A line of 2 million shares was offered at the 311p level in early trading. Later two separate parcels of 1 million and 500,000 shares were recorded at the 315p level. The Polly Peck share price ended the day 6p lower at 314½p.

One of the few bright features was Wayne Kerr, the USM-quoted electronics components group, which spurted 28p to 98p during after hours. The Bognor Regis group says it has received a possible bid approach and urges shareholders to sit tight.

But fading bid hopes continued to take their toll of BSR International, the Hong Kong-based consumer electronics group, which fell 5p to 86½p. Last month the group announced it had received a bid approach but since then the silence has been deafening.

Pleasurama slipped 7p to 258p ahead of tomorrow's extraordinary meeting to approve the proposed acquisition of Hard Rock Café. But Pleasurama is currently fighting off an unwanted £621 million bid from Mecca and faces the prospect of a counter-bid from the likes of Bass or Rank Organisation if the Hard Rock acquisition is thrown out by shareholders. Dealers claim that Pleasurama's institutional investors are split over the move.

Speculation that Mr Rupert Murdoch's company, The News Corporation, which owns News International, publisher of *The Times*, may dispose of some of its publicly quoted investments in order to finance the $3 billion acquisition of Triangle Publications took its toll. Pearson, where The News Corporation owns a 20 per cent stake, fell 12p to 765p. Reuters, the international news agency where The News Corporation owns a substantial stake, also lost 14p to 476p.

Michael Clark

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		RIGHTS ISSUES	
Acal (135p)	152	Brunning Gp N/P	8 –2
BMSS (118p)	125 +2	Campbell Arm N/P	11 –1
Broadwell Land (156p)	183 –1	City Gate N/P	306 –2
Bucknall Aust (110p)	123	Durham (DG) N/P	14
Builder Gp (125p)	168 –2	Energy Cap N/P	2
Caldwell Inv	51	Goodman N/P	4 –1
Christie Grp (145p)	168 –2	NMC N/P	1½ –2½
Colefax Fowler (125p)	145 –1	Pennine 'A' N/P	3
Colroy (150p)	158	Owners Abroad N/P	24 –4
Conroy Pet	55 –3	Sindall (W) N/P	15
Dukeminster	81 +1	(Issue price in brackets).	
Eng O'seas Prop (155p)	138 –1		
Erostin Group (165p)	168		
European Colour	29½		
Heritage (95p)	185 –1		
Herring Son (150p)	150 –1		
Hilclare (60p)	81		
Jackson Group	112		
Lincat Group (115p)	160 –3		
Nat Telecom	147 –3		
Optim Gp (60p)	62 +2		
Palmerston Hldgs	240		
Rockfort	128 –1		
Saunderson Elec (130p)	158		
Savills (125p)	129 –2		
SCRIcorp	£18¹⁵/₁₆ –1/₈		
Severfield-R (80p)	94 –1		
Sonic Tape (15p)	14 –½		
Tams (John) (80p)	88		
Thorntons (125p)	132		

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP

Nikkei drops 615 in year's worst fall

Tokyo (Reuter) – Share prices took a nosedive in the year's biggest fall on fears of higher interest rates after Tuesday's rise in the United States discount rate, brokers said.

"It took New York by surprise and it certainly took people here by surprise," Mr Paul Migliorato, a broker with Jardine Fleming Securities, said. "Currency is the biggest worry. If the yen weakens further, there is fear that Japan will raise interest rates."

The Nikkei index plunged 615.49 points, or 2.18 per cent, to 27,554.87. This surpasses the previous record 1988 drop of 513.09 points on July 19.

Volume was a moderate 700 million shares against 650 million on Tuesday. Falls led rises 6.9 to one. Mining shares were the only ones to advance.

The market fell all day on news that the Federal Reserve had raised its discount rate to 6½ per cent from 6 per cent. Investors expected the key rate to be left unchanged before the US presidential election, brokers said.

Investors are waiting for the scheduled release of US June trade data, next Tuesday, for further hints as to the direction of the yen-dollar rate, brokers said. If the trade deficit is lower than expected, this could send the dollar higher.

Japan has managed to keep its discount rate at a record low of 2.5 per cent.

Higher interest rates can cause an exodus from stocks to fixed interest instruments. Talk of a boost in the Japanese discount rate filtered into the afternoon market.

Investors were further unsettled by the Bank of Japan's moves to allow increases in one- and two-month commercial bill rates, especially as yen bonds plunged on the news.

But others were reassured by statements by government officials that they see no need to change Japan's overall monetary policies.

A few speculative issues were picked up. Investors bought up some high technology exporters in the morning as these are seen as benefiting more from a weaker yen. Some inflows of new investment trust money from leading securities houses also spurred buying, brokers said.

But many of these shed their early gains to close lower.

The first section index plunged 47.49 points to 2,172.80. The second section index fell 24.28 points to 2,929.70 in turnover of 5.05 million shares.

NEW YORK

Blue chips lead Dow lower in early deals

New York (Reuter) – Blue chips moved to lower ground after a resumption in selling pressure ended a temporary stall. Analysts said market psychology was battered by Tuesday's move by the Federal Reserve to raise the discount rate by one-half point to 6.5 per cent.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed 28.27 points down at 2,079.13 on Tuesday, fell another 19.21 points to 2,059.92 in early trading, yesterday.

Declining shares led advancing shares by about seven-to-one.

"I look for the market to weaken further," Mr Alfred Goldman, a technical market analyst with AG Edwards, said.

If blue chips move below 2,050, which is considered a support level, more selling can be expected, he added.

HONG KONG

Late buys cut impact of arrests

(Reuter) – Stock prices closed weaker following news of the arrest of six Hong Kong stock exchange officials but many shares ended above their lows on small investor bargain-hunting.

The Hang Seng index fell 54.66 points, or 2 per cent, to 2,579.38 while the broader-based Hong Kong index dropped 38.39 points to 1,702.65. Turnover firmed to HK$840.93 million (£63.7 million) from HK$575.17 million on Tuesday.

"The arrests were not unexpected," an analyst with a British broker said. "But it was still a shock to the market when the authorities really took the move."

Cathay Pacific stock ended unchanged at HK$8.70 after dipping to HK$8.55.

Swire topped the active list to end HK30 cents lower at HK$18.40.

"Investors were taking the news (of the arrests) as an excuse for profit-taking after the stock's recent rally," a local broker said.

Cheung Kong fell HK15 cents to HK$7.40 and HonkongBank fell HK5 cents to HK$6.20.

● **Sydney** – The Australian stock market suffered its largest fall in almost two weeks in nervous trading triggered by falls on foreign markets due to fears of higher interest rates.

Brokers said the local market struggled for most of the day, closing on its lows as Tokyo's Nikkei index slumped in late trading.

By the close of trading, the All Ordinaries index was down 24.3 points at 1633.0, ending a four-day rise.

● **Frankfurt** – Share prices closed sharply lower, falling almost 2 per cent on speculation that Tuesday's unexpected half-point rise in the US discount rate would also push up West German rates.

The real-time DAX 30-share index closed 23.34 points or 1.9 per cent lower at 1,173.45.

Blue-chips led the whole market down.

The 60-share Commerzbank index, calculated at the midsession fix, fell 22.4 points or 1.5 per cent to 1479.9.

WALL STREET

	Aug 9	Aug 8		Aug 9	Aug 8		Aug 9	Aug 8
AMR Cp	44¾	45½	Fedders	10¼	10⅝	Pennzoil	72½	71½
ASA	40	40⅜	Fst Chicago	34¼	34⅝	Pepsico	35¼	36
Aetna Life	47⅞	47⅜	Fst Int Bncp	52⅜	52⅛	Pfizer	50⅜	51⅜
Allied Signal	34½	34⅜	Fst Penn C	11⅛	11⅜	Phelps Dod	39	39⅝
Allis Chim	⅝	⅝	FT Wachva	39	39⅝	Philip Mor	91⅝	91⅞
Alcoa	51⅝	53¼	Ford Motor	51⅝	53	Philip Ptrl	17⅛	17⅝
Amax Inc	22½	23⅜	GAF Cp	47⅜	47⅞	Pittsburg	38⅜	38
AMR Hess	27⅛	27⅜	GTE Corp	41⅛	41¼	Polaroid	41⅜	41½
Am Brands	45⅞	46⅛	Gen Cp	20⅛	20¼	Primerica	27½	26⅝
Am Cynmd	48¾	49⅝	Gn Dynam	51⅜	51¾	Proct Gble	73⅝	74⅜
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	27¼	Gen Electric	40⅜	41⅛	Pub S E G	22⅝	23⅜
Amexs	27⅞	28⅛	Gen Inst	31⅜	32⅛	R Nabisco	50⅛	51¼
Am Family	12¾	12⅞	Gen Mills	48⅞	49⅝	Raytheon	67¼	68⅛
Am Home	75½	76	Gen Motors	77⅞	78	Rynlds Mett	49⅝	51¼
Am Int Grp	60⅜	60¾	Gen Pub Ut	34⅜	34⅞	Rockwell Int	20⅝	20⅝
Am Telph	26⅛	26½	Genesco	4⅝	4⅜	Royal Dutch	114⅝	114⅝
Amoco Cp	75⅝	76⅛	Georgia Pac	37⅝	38⅝	SFE Sopac	19	19⅛
Anheusr B	29⅜	30⅛	Gillette	35	35⅝	Sara Lee	39	39⅜
Archr Dan	19⅝	20	Goodrich	47⅛	47⅞	Schlumb	34⅛	34½
Armco Steel	10¼	10⅛	Goodyear	60⅜	61	Scott Paper	37⅝	37⅝
Asarco Inc	24⅝	25⅛	Gould Inc	14⅝	15	Seagram	54⅝	55⅝
Ashland Oil	35	36⅛	Grace Co	25⅝	26⅛	Sears Roeb	36¼	36⅝
Atl Richfld	82½	82⅛	Grt Atl Pac	40⅜	41¼	Sec Pac	38⅝	38⅝
Avon Prod	24¼	24⅜	Greyhnd	30⅞	32	Shell Trans	72⅜	73¼
Bk Boston	29⅝	29⅝	Gruman	21¼	21½	Smith Beck	47¼	48
Bank NY	34⅜	35	Gulf Westn	42⅝	43⅜	Sony Cp	51⅛	50¾
Bankamer	14⅜	14⅝	Heinz	40⅜	41	SW Bell	37¾	38
Bkrs Tst NY	38⅛	39	Hercules	46¼	46¾	Squibb	63⅛	64⅜
Baxter	20⅛	20⅜	Hewlett Pk	49⅝	49¼	Sun Comp	57¼	57¾
Beth Steel	23⅜	24⅜	Honeywell	64¼	65½	TDK	78¼	76
Boeing	61	60½	IC Ind	33⅜	34⅛	TRW Inc	44	44⅝
Boise Casc	42½	43⅛	ITT Cp	49¼	49⅝	Tandy	325	328¼
Borden	52	52⅜	INCO	29¾	30	Tenneco	48⅜	47
Bristl Meyr	42⅜	42¼	Ing Rand Wi	37¼	39	Texaco	46¾	47
BP	52⅜	52⅝	Inland Steel	38⅝	39½	Tex Eastn	25⅝	26⅛
Brunswick	21⅞	22½	IBM	121⅝	123¼	Texas Inst	42⅜	43
Burl Nth	57	57⅝	Int Paper	45	45½	Tex Util	28⅝	29
CBS	161	162⅜	Irving Bk	66⅜	66⅞	Textron	24	24½
CMS Engy	20½	20⅝	Jhns & Jhns	80½	81¼	Travelers	35	35½
CPC Int	47	47⅜	K Mart	33½	33⅝	UAL Cp	94½	95¾
CSX Cp	25½	25⅞	Kaisertech	17¾	17⅜	USG Cp	7½	7⅝
Camp Soup	26⅜	27	Kerr McGee	35½	35⅝	USX Cp	29¾	30¼
Can Pacific	18⅛	18⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	57⅝	58⅛	Unilever Plc	32	n.a
Caterpillar	61½	62⅞	Kraft	55	55⅝	Un Carbide	23¾	24⅛
Centrl SW	30⅝	31⅛	Kroger	33½	33⅞	Un Pac Cp	59¾	60
Champion	33¾	34½	LTV Cp	3⅝	3¾	Unisys Cp	33⅞	34⅜
Chase Man	29¾	30⅛	Litton	74½	75	Unit Brand	15½	15⅝
Chem Bank	33⅛	33⅝	Lockheed	43	43⅛	Us Westt	55⅝	55⅞
Chevron	46⅝	47	Lone Star	32½	32⅝	Utd Tech	36⅞	37⅜
Chrysler	23⅛	23⅝	Kaisertech	17¾	17⅜	Unocal	30⅜	30⅝
Citicorp	24⅝	25⅛	Manville	2	1⅞	Warn Lamb	72⅞	73⅜
Clark Eq	34⅛	34½	Marcor	56⅞	57⅜	Wells Far	64⅝	64⅞
Coca Cola	37⅝	38⅛	Marriott	28½	29⅜	Westg El	52¾	52⅝
Colgate	42⅜	43	Mt Marrieta	39¾	40⅜	Weyershr	25	25⅛
Columb Gas	32½	33⅜	Masco	26½	26⅝	Whirlpool	26	26
Cmb'tn Eng	34⅛	33⅞	Mcdonalds	44¼	44¾	Woolworth	48⅝	49⅜
Cmwlth Edi	29¾	29⅞	McDonnell	63⅜	64⅜	Xerox Cp	54⅛	55⅛
Cons Edis	44⅛	44⅜	Mead Cp	40½	41⅛	Zenith	21¼	22⅛
Consol Ng	38½	37¼	Merck	95	96			
Cont Datag	22⅞	23⅛	Minsta Mng	63¾	63¾	CANADIAN PRICES		
Corning Gl	58⅝	59⅝	Mobil	44½	44⅝			
Crane	30⅞	30¾	Monsanto	65	66¼	Agnco Eag	16⅜	16⅝
Curtiss W	49⅛	49½	Monadison	13⅜	13⅜	Alcan Alum	36	36⅛
Data Genl	18	18¼	Morgan Jp	36½	37⅛	Algoma Stl	26.25	26.50
Deere Co	44⅛	45	Motorola	45¼	46½	Can Pacific	22⅝	22⅞
Delta Air	48⅝	49¼	NCR	56⅝	57⅜	Cominco	19¼	19⅝
Detroit Edi	14¼	14⅜	NL Indstrs	6⅜	6⅝	Con Bathrst	15	15⅛
Digital Eq	102¼	102¼	Nat Md Ent	20⅞	21⅜	Hawk S Can	23¾	23⅞
Disney	62¼	63⅜	Nat Semi	10½	11	Hud Bay M	18⅞	18⅞
Dow Chem	86⅜	87⅜	Norfolk Sth	27⅜	28	Imasco	24¾	24¾
Dressr Ind	30½	30⅞	NW Bancrp	33⅜	35	Imperial Oil	56½	57¾
Dupont	83¼	86½	Occid Petl	26¼	26½	Inco	36¼	36⅝
Duke Pwr	44	44⅛	Ogden Cp	27⅞	27	Royl Trstco	16¼	16⅜
East Kodak	43⅝	44⅜	Olin Cp	46⅝	48⅛	Seagram	66½	67¼
Eaton Cp	81¼	81½	PPG Ind	43¼	43⅞	Shelco 'A'	41¾	41½
Emerson El	28½	29⅛	Pac Enterp	44¼	44¾	Thmsn N 'A'	27¾	27¾
Emery Air	4⅜	4⅝	Pac Gas El	16⅞	16¾	Vanty Cp	3.80	3.80
Exxon	45⅞	46⅛	Pan Am	2⅛	2⅛	WCT	17	16⅞
Fedn Inc	8⅝	8⅝	Pansey JC	47⅝	48⅜	Weston	39⅜	39⅝

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon... (*418)	390	40	48	58	6	11	13
	420	20	30	40	15	24	30
	460	6	14	22	47	50	52
Bass... (*772)	750	50	65	77	12	23	28
	800	22	37	50	35	50	52
	850	7	16	–	80	87	–
Brit Air... (*152)	140	19	22	25	2½	5	8
	160	6	10	14	11	16	19
	180	1⅝	4½	–	28	31	–
Brit Com... (*245)	220	32	35	40	5	7	9
	240	17	23	28	13	15	18
	260	5	12	18	25	30	32
Brit Gas... (*185)	180	28	33	34	½	1⅝	3
	1801	1¼	17	18½	3⅜	6	8
	200	2⅛	7	9	17	17½	19
BP... (*258)	240	21	28	31	4	6½	11
	260	8⅝	17	19	12	15	21½
	280	3	8½	11	28	28½	36
Cons Gold... (*998)	950	100	125	130	40	47	57
	1000	65	95	130	65	75	87
	1100	30	60	80	140	150	160
Courtauld... (*349)	300	59	–	–	1	–	–
	330	33	42	52	8	12	16
	360	16	25	35	22	28	28
	380	6	13	–	45	47	–
Cons Union... (*371)	360	28	40	46	14	19	24
	380	10½	26	32	30	34	43
	420	4	13	–	56	58	–
C & W... (*378)	300	87	95	–	1	3	–
	330	60	70	78	3	7	10
	360	32	45	55	7	14	19
	390	16	27	37	20	25	32
GEC... (*181)	140	24	30	35	1	3	5
	160	9	14	18	5	8	11
	180	2½	6	–	20	21	–
GKN... (*329)	300	32	43	48	5½	10	17
	330	14	25	31	18	22	28
	360	4	12	19	40	42	48
Grand Met... (*513)	420	97	–	–	1	–	–
	460	60	75	80	4½	9	13
	500	30	47	52	16	22	28
	550	9	22	30	48	50	57
ICI... (*1037)	900	143	160	–	3	10	–
	950	94	122	–	10	21	–
	1000	58	88	–	28	37	–
	1100	16	49	–	87	95	–
Jaguar... (*279)	240	43	50	–	3	7	–
	260	25	35	45	7	13	16
	280	14	24	32	16	20	25
	300	6½	14	22	29	34	38
Land Sec... (*577)	500	88	96	110	3	7	14
	550	43	58	72	12	20	25
	600	15	30	45	36	43	48
M & S... (*169)	160	15	19	23	2½	5	6
	180	3½	8	11	13	15	17
	200	1½	3	–	31	33	–
R-Royce... (*140)	130	15	18	22	3½	6½	9
	140	8	13	16	7	10	14
	160	2	5	8	23	24	27
STC... (*257)	260	31	40	50	3	7	13
	280	18	31	37	11	15	21
	300	9	20	28	22	26	31
Sainsbury... (*216)	200	24	29	34	2	4	5
	220	9	16	22	7	12	14
	240	3	7	–	26	27	–
	260	1	3	–	46	46	–
Shell... (*1050)	950	130	–	–	10	–	–
	1000	87	–	–	20	77	82
	1100	30	60	72	70	77	82
Storehse... (*232)	240	13	23	30	17	22	24
	260	7	15	22	31	34	37
	280	4	9	–	50	50	–
Trafalgar... (*308)	280	35	40	45	3	6	11
	300	22	27	33	10	16	23
	330	21	3½	11	28	28½	36
TSB... (*109)	90	19	21	–	1	2	3
	100	10	12	–	1¾	3½	–
	110	3	6½	8	6½	7	9
Ultramar... (*289)	260	29	36	46	15	22	30
	300	18	28	37	28	31	42
	330	9	18	–	45	51	–
Woolworth... (*281)	280	30	37	42	2	3	3½
	280	13	20	26	7½	9	10
	300	5	10	15	22	22	22

	Calls Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo... (*957)	900	60	97	125	10	30	38
	950	45	67	94	28	52	60
	1000	23	45	70	57	80	87
	1100	4	18	–	150	155	–
Hanson... (*140)	120	21	24½	–	½	1	–
	130	12	16	17	1⅛	3¼	4¼
	140	5⅛	9	11	3½	7¼	8½
	160	½	2¼	4	21	22	23
Hawker... (*522)	480	73	82	95	3	5	9
	500	57	62	85	9	17	22
	550	13	32	38	35	40	45
Hillsdown... (*277)	260	24	32	37	2	7	9
	280	11	17	22	11	13	16
	300	3	8	13	24	27	33
Lonhro... (*233)	223	15	22	–	3	7	–
	240	6	13	16	13	18	19
	260	1⅜	5½	9	31	32	35
Midland... (*426)	390	42	52	–	3	7	–
	420	17	28	38	10	17	23
	460	4	11	17	40	42	48
Sears... (*138)	110	28	30½	35	1	1¾	3
	120	18	22	27	1½	3½	5
	130	10½	16	20	4	6½	8
Tesco... (*148)	140	13	18	23	2	4	5
	160	3	6½	9	13	15	16
	180	1	2½	5	34	34	34
Thorn EMI... (*660)	550	120	130	–	1	2	–
	600	70	82	95	2	6	12
	650	22	52	62	13	22	28

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3	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
4	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
5	Western Selection	Electricals	
6	Whatman Reeve	Industrials S-Z	
7	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
8	Centreway Ind	Industrials A-D	
9	Halma	Industrials E-K	
10	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
11	Wiggins	Building,Roads	
12	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
13	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
14	Regalian	Property	
15	Cussins	Property	
16	Fil Fyffes	Foods	
17	Yellowhammer	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Brent Walker	Leisure	
19	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
20	Mesmer	Electricals	
21	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
22	Appleyree Hldgs	Foods	
23	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
24	Stetchley	Industrials S-Z	
25	DAKS Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
26	Aus Oil & Gas	Oil,Gas	
27	Bilton (P)	Property	
28	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
29	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
30	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Bellwinch	Building,Roads	
32	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
33	Sutcliffe Speakman	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Johnston Press	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
36	Lon Scot Bk	Banks,Discount	
37	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
38	Vaux Group	Breweries	
39	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
40	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
41	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
42	Erskine Hse	Industrials E-K	
43	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
44	Pressac	Electricals	

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	418	419	-2	17.3	4.1	12.5
867	746½	Bass (aa)	768	774	-14	26.9	3.5	11.5
86	62	Bellhaven	80	82	+1	1.4	3.2	23.8
175	127	Biddington	169	170	-2	5.4	3.2	17.4
207	145	Border	195	198	..	4.4	2.8	19.4
198	147	Bulmer (H P)	195	197	-1	6.7	3.4	16.9
181	128	Burtonwood Brew	172	182	..	6.2	3.4	19.8
391	335	Carib (Matthew)	372	380	-1	14.7	3.9	10.3
323	230	Dewhirst (JA)	316	320	..	4.6	1.2	30.4
266	175	Greenall Whitley	258	263	-3	9.3	3.4	12.7
494	406	Greene King	470	477	-1	14.3	3.0	13.8
341	271	Gunness. (aa)	324	327	-5	12.6	3.9	10.8
768	655	Hardys & Hansons	758	770	..	30.0	3.9	14.2
138	76	Highland Dist	117	120	-1	4.5	3.8	18.6
206	167	Invergordon Dist	202	204	..	7.9	3.7	17.9
328	175	Irish Dist	288	295	..	..	..	..
268	216	Marston Thompson	257	260	-1	9.9	3.8	16.3
675	505	Morland	656	665	-1	16.9	1.6	25.4
368	275	SA Brewhouse	295	305	..	..	..	..
349	286	Scot & New (aa)	337	339	-2	12.3	3.7	16.2
735	680	Vaux Group	708	718	-4	21.0	3.1	21.5
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	302	304	..	14.1	4.7	11.3
470	378	Do 'B'	450	452	-10	14.1	3.0	17.5
433	378	Whitbread Inv	421	423	..	12.3	3.0	17.4
425	350	Wolverhmpton & D	417	423	..	8.2	2.0	17.9
530	345	Young 'A'	515	535	..	12.3	2.3	30.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	143	Abbey	230	240	..	..	..	..
460	314	Amec	378	382	-5	17.3	4.5	10.8
473	348	Anglia Sec	458	473	-4	34	7.2	7.7
56	38	Anglo Vic	46	48	..	3.3	7.2	20.9
107	70	Ansells	100	215	..	6.5	3.1	16.4
325	247	Arlington	298	315	..	9.7	3.2	15.7
309	246	BPB Ind (aa)	282	287	-2	11.3	4.0	9.9
320	260	Baggeridge Brick	288	298	..	5.0	1.7	20.7
65	50	Bailey (Ben) Constr	77	81	..	1.9	2.4	16.4
215	170	Barratt Devs	173	177	-1	12.5	7.2	11.1
273	181	Bellway	233	237	-1	10.7	4.5	11.4
113	85	Berkeley	93	97	..	2.9	3.1	8.5
284	255	Berkeley Gp	275	285	+1	4.7	1.6	11.3
128	81	Bett Bros	110	110	..	4.8	4.2	26.5
480	320	Blackburn	350	410	-5	8.6	2.1	14.2
477	403	Blue Circle (aa)	433	435	-6	20.0	4.6	10.2
390	314½	Boot (Henry)	362	366	..	13.3	3.6	9.2
750	167	Bovis PLC	178	182	-4	3.1	2.3	11.5
170	109	Br Dredging	144	150	-1	6.9	4.6	10.7
155½	126	Bryant	132	135	-1	4.4	3.3	15.9
144	105	CRH	132	135	..	..	..	..
155	109	Caledonian Rdstry	128	133	..	5.1	4.0	22.2
355	259	Caradon	340	348	-2	10.7	3.1	12.8
140	102	Charrington	112	115	+1	3.1	2.7	12.4
206	156	Costain Grp	195	206	-5	7.5	3.1	12.1
151	112	Crosby PLC	145	150	..	2.4	1.6	31.4
336	259	Countrywide	292	300	-1	7.0	2.3	14.5
230	185	Crest Nicholson	208	213	-3	8.3	3.9	10.6
174	72	Crosby James	168	173	..	2.7	2.2	8.6
297	229	Douglas (RM)	292	297	..	5.7b	1.9	20.1
41	23	Edmund Hdgs	38½	39½	..	1.1	2.9	17.1
105	76	Enth	92	97	..	4.1	4.3	12.8
208	175	Federated Hog	203	209	..	6.9	3.3	13.6
79	56	Fairclough Cp	68	71	+1	2.6	3.8	15.2
78	58	Galliford	68	71	..	3.8	5.4	15.7
263	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	255	265	..	3.6	1.4	34.0
365	285	Glenrson (MJ)	355	365	..	9.5	1.7	15.5
365	285	Hanson Trst	360	362	-2	9.5	2.6	12.7
126	90	Hawden-Stuart	121	124	..	2.7	2.2	15.5
321	259	Heywood Williams	278	285	+2	13.9	4.7	10.3
260	201	Higgs & Hill	268	278	-1	12.3	4.3	11.7
98	67	How Bp	85	89	-2	4.1	4.3	11.2
70	52	Howard Hldgs	61	64	-2	1.7	2.7	10.2
202	141	Ibstock Johnsen	185	198	-3	5.5	2.9	12.2
208	97	Jarvis (J) & Sons	168	175	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Lang (J)	1½	1½	..	0.6	3.1	9.0
183	111	Lawrence (Walter)	168	170	-1	6.5	3.9	10.5
56	36	Lilley (F.C.)	54	56	..	..	..	64.0
260	218	Lovell (Y.J)	237	240	+1	7.0	2.9	11.6
360	295	Magnet (aa)	330	335	-5	9.2	3.9	12.3
203	142	Manders	197	200	-5	7.3	3.7	22.2
162	126	Marley	155	158	..	6.9	4.4	12.1
263	235½	Marshalls (Halifax)	246	253	-1	9.7	3.9	12.1
134	78	Maunders (J)	116	118	..	3.6	3.1	18.2
398	307	Mcalpine (Alfred)	365	370	-4	21.5	5.8	8.6
497	418	McDarthy & S	480	488	-4	5.7	1.3	13.1
430	341	Meyer Int	413	423	-2	12.7	3.1	13.3
227	66	Miller (Stanley)	216	223	-5	1.7	0.8	13.3
208	347	Morgan Crucible	365	368	-5	23.6	6.2	9.9
168	11	MSM	98	98	..	..	..	..
17	10½	Newarthill	16	17	..	1.92	12	4.4
187	172	Newton Tonks	177	182	-1	10.5	5.8	13.1
172	137	Pegerarn	172	177	..	4.1	2.3	14.1
129	86	Pegrave Tozer	110	115	-2	3.3	2.8	11.2
745	715	Pochins	735	750	..	25.0	3.3	8.1
489	422	RMC Gp (aa)	470	475	-5	15.1	3.2	11.2
98	64	Ransome Int	97	97	..	2.8	2.9	20.0
447	388	Redland (aa)	427	430	-2	21.1	4.9	10.2
265	125	Rugerd	258	262	..	5.8	2.2	18.8
268	172	Rugby Group	258	262	..	5.7	2.2	11.6
253	170	Ruthers Perkins	238	243	-3	6.9	2.9	11.7
203	170	Sharpe & Fisher	200	210	..	5.5	2.7	11.9
153	108	Smart (J)	141	145	..	3.7	2.6	21.5
266	226	Stanley	253	256	..	..	..	..
333	276	Tarmac (aa)	312	314	-1	12.3	3.9	11.9
263	215	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	253	255	+1	10.7	4.2	11.2
260	220	Tilbury Group	253	255	..	6.1	2.4	13.0
268	203	Travis & Arnold	258	260	..	8.9	3.5	12.2
188	93	Trent	184	186	..	3.0	1.1	27.4
249	189	Turriff	230	232	..	10.1	4.3	15.1
155	111	Wimpey	152	157	..	..	..	..
165	135	Ward Group	152	156	..	5.9	3.8	14.3
260	194	Ward Hldgs	256	273	..	9.3	3.4	10.8
260	194	Ward White	256	273	..	9.3	3.4	10.8
260	230	Westbury	237	245	-3	8.7	3.5	11.4
250	190	Wiggins	244	248	+4	8.6	3.4	13.7
243	143	Wilcon Brendon	230	240	..	5.8	2.4	14.4
165	111½	Wilson (Connolly)	124	132	+1	4.0	3.1	11.9
275	221	Wimpey C (aa)	250	252	..	..	..	..
128	111	Yeoman	124	132	+1	4.0	3.1	11.9

BUILDING, ROADS (continued)

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
116	75	Dale Elec	101	105	-2	5.7	5.5	12.3
60	37½	Do A	54	59	●-1	3.0	5.5	12.9
348	278	Domnn	322	332	●-3	4.3	1.3	16.3
66	53	Dowding & Mills	61	63	..	2.5	4.0	15.2
221	176	Electrocomponents	208	212	●-2	9.6	2.8	14.2
126	91½	Elec Data Process	118	123	..	4.8	3.9	10.3
92	65	Electronic Mach	73	80	-2	12.5	15.7	9.1
478	362	Emess	463	470	..	10.7	2.3	17.6
405	297	Eurotherm	395	398	●-6	6.6	2.2	14.3
143	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	131	133	●-4	3.1	2.3	11.5
181	147	Fairey Elect	168	173	..	4.8	2.8	13.0
98	76	Ferranti Intl (aa)	92	93	●..	3.1	3.4	11.7
69	58	Forward Tech	58	63	-3	1.4	2.3	9.9
160	145	GEC Ord	160	162	●-2	6.7	4.1	9.5
297	197	General Scient	290	297	●-2	5.2	1.7	19.0
398	46	Hepworth Elect	67	73	-1	2.4	3.3	10.4
492	196	Hickson Gp	397	403	●-1	9.2	2.3	8.9
65	43	ITL Co	48	49	..	2.7	5.5	7.6
210	150	Jones Stroud	200	220	..	8.0	3.8	10.8
385	208	Kode	370	385	●-5	20.7	5.2	10.9
325	265	Lec Refrigeration	278	280	..	10.5	3.8	10.4
61	37	Life Sciences	39	55	-1	1.0	1.9	34.6
391	335	Logica	352	362	-2	9.6	2.7	23.0
293	232	Lucas	255	270	-2	14.5	5.4	11.6
254	173	Marconi	247	255	+4	5.7	2.1	16.3
95	63	MB5	68	73	-1	1.4	2.0	16.3
473	288	Micrologic Repro	445	468	●-2	4.3	0.9	44.8
198	85	Micro Focus	150	160	-3	..	..	15.7
315	232	Microgen	227	244	●-2	8.0	3.3	14.9
150	115	Mitel	126	..	-3	..	..	..
34½	19½	Molins	27½	29½	..	..	..	..
73	45	Monsanto Elect	68	68	-2	..	..	..
43	28	Murray Elect	38	39	..	2.1e	3.2	49.6
238	253	Nmarkah (Lond)	315	330	-5	19.6	6.1	15.5
110	88½	NEI	91	93	-2	7.0b	7.6	30.0
150	64	NMW Comp	81	88	-4	3.4	4.0	14.9
24	16	Oconnors	18	20	..	..	..	9.6
276	199	Oxford Instruments	260	265	-9	16	1.4	17.0
355	235	P.E. International	241	250	..	10.5	4.2	15.4
238	188	P & P	228	232	..	5.7	1.2	..
197	147½	Parks	178	181	-2½	5.7	3.2	22.9
80	75½	Perkins Fm 5½%	78	81	●..	5.7	7.0	..
10	7	Pregs Lamps N/V	8	8½	..	..	..	..
280	230	Price	258	268	..	9.6	4.0	9.7
194	174	Pro & Ld Young	188	195	..	9.6	5.0	9.7
176	141	Pressey (aa)	160	162	-1	8.9	5.5	10.1
176	117	Prestoc	173	178	-4	6.7	3.8	12.1
171	74	Quick Automation	85	89	..	2.0	2.3	7.5
263	202½	Rapid Elect (aa)	253	255	●-1	6.0	2.4	15.0
180	126	Reed	118	120	●-3	4.3	3.6	12.8
87	68	SD Scicon	82	85	●-1	2.9	3.5	11.1
152	98	Scansonic	117	122	..	2.1	1.8	19.2
420	295	Siebe (DH)	402	406	..	20.0	4.9	15.6
120	75	Simlon	97	107	-1	3.0	2.8	..
39	25	Sound Diffusion	32	35	-1	0.1	0.3	89
301	217	STC (aa)	284	286	-1	10.3	3.6	12.7
200	183½	Tech Inv	200	..	-2½	..	..	..
246	190	Telephone Rentals	233	240	-2	11.6	4.9	17.4
63	38	Telemetrix	57	59	●-1	..	..	17.3
176	137	Thorn Scientific	150	158	●-2	5.3	3.5	10.1
617	433	Thorn EMI (aa)	603	606	●-8	27.0	4.5	10.1
417	313	Tanyaill	340	360	..	10.8	3.0	16.4
427	332	UEI	390	400	-9	9.3	2.3	15.9
267	183	Unicorn	230	235	..	13.1	5.6	11.3
193	167	Vega Scientific	186	188	●-2	6.4	3.4	15.9
432	334	VG Instruments	330	335	..	10.0	3.0	15.7
360	335	Volex	350	370	+1	16.0	4.4	10.1
135	98	Western Selection	98	108	+1	4.8	4.7	10.2
485	388	Wingfield Digby	477	487	+1	14.4	3.0	19.1

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
255	192	Abbeyworth	242	247	..	17	07	..
106	75	Antlett Hume	78	83	-2	3.3	4.1	15.9
193	101	Bejamogrove Ests	120	123	..	2.8	2.3	12.5
43	28	Brome Trust	38	39½	-1	2.3	6.0	16.3
196	161	Brown & Tawse	182	187	-3	10.7	5.9	10.5
497	420	Bryanston	486	490	●..	18.6	4.2	12.5
168	120	Chi Inv	124	127	-1	5.0	3.9	9.7
177	136	Cleveland Eng	174	177	..	4.0	2.3	12.9
377	226	Clarnon Sr	338	342	-3	8.2	2.5	14.5
61	36	Cogens Ind	55	56½	..	1.0	1.8	..
158	130	Cope Ind	146	149	+1	7.3e	4.9	8.4
74	11	Cauldon	11½	13	..	..	..	..
175	150	Dares Estate Eng	160	163	●-2	6.3	3.9	12.0
192	158	Eastnor	188	188	●-2	6.7	3.6	10.8
132	113	Eastings	125	127	..	4.8	3.8	9.9
37	21	Evershed	40	45	-3	1.3	3.0	7.7
70	46	Fairview Estates	46	48	..	1.3	2.7	12.2
175	150	Fitch & Co	160	165	..	4.0	2.4	11.7
191	133	Gardner Merch	178	183	-2	5.2	2.8	11.9
33	24	Gen Scottish	30	32	..	0.8	2.5	12.5
400	305	Grainger Trust	380	385	+5	10.5	2.7	13.9
400	305	Grainger Trust A/V	380	385	+5	10.5	2.7	13.9
354	238	Grantchester Sec	350	354	..	9.0	2.5	12.5
10	7½	Gt Portland Est	9½	10	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Guinness Peat	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Hambro Countrywd	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Hanson Trust	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Hillsdown Hldgs	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Hollis Bros	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Howard Trust	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Imry	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Jacobs (Wm)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Jarvis (J)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Kleinwort Ben	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Land Sec	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Lon Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Lon Trust	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Mallinson Denny	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Mapeley	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Marler Estates	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Mountleigh	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Oakmere	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Peachey Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Peel Hldgs	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Pentland Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Pinto Inv	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Prop Security	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Raglan	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Rosehaugh	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Rush & Tompkins	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Shaftsbury	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Sheridan Secs	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Speyhi Gp	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Stanley Davenport	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Slough Estates (aa)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Southend Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Stanhope	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Stirling Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Town Centre	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Trafford Park	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	UK Land	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Union Square	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Warnford	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Warrington	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wellington	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Westbrook	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wheelock Prop	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wilson Bowden	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wimpey Int	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wood (Arthur)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wood (SW)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Worcester	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Wyndham Eng	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Yate & Wyler	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Young (H)	1½	1½	..	..	..	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17½	11½	American Express	101½	..	●-½	..	..	..
109	84	Ample	83	98	..	4.1	4.7	20.8
118	88	Britannia Arrow	103	108	-2	7.5	7.1	7.9
48	28½	Daily Mail	38	39	●-1	9.47	3.1	13.9
36	25½	Do 'A'	29	31	●-1	9.47	3.1	13.9
179	131	Electra	172	177	..	3.4	1.9	19.1
253	184	Frost Gp	247	252	+9	9.3	3.7	20.0
178	131	Gt Management	156	162	●-1	6.7	4.2	8.1
135	110	Goode Durant	126	130	..	6.4	4.9	9.4
855	640	Henderson Admin	820	830	-20	23.0	2.8	20.0
447	388	Ivory & Sime	435	440	-2	12.3	2.8	21.1
111	86	M&G	98	102	-1	5.5	5.4	8.7
1½	1	MAM	1½	1½	..	..	..	..
143	84	Mk 5	130	135	-1	4.2	3.1	22.8
45	32	Rutland	42	45	-1	0.3	0.7	36.5
183	150	Smith New Court	165	168	-2	10.7	5.6	9.4
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	137	140	-2	6.9	5.0	13.5

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
332	274	AB Food (aa)	312	320	●-2	11.1	3.5	10.6
163	146	ASDA Group (aa)	152	155	-2	5.5	3.6	12.2
4	3	Abyss Group	3½	4	..	..	..	..
312	181	Associated Hldgs	140	142	-1	2.8	2.0	14.1
212	181	Angel (Jn)	183	186	-5	7.1	3.8	16.2
210	151	Assoc Fisheries	183	186	..	6.7	4.0	16.6
210	185	Banks (Sidney C)	205	210	..	9.7	4.5	13.6
287	195	Bassett Foods	273	278	-5	10.4	3.6	11.8
98	78	Bowyers	95	98	-4	3.2	3.3	11.4
376	274	Brentford (S&W) (aa)	375	380	..	19.3	5.1	15.2
347	247	Booker	300	307	-2	21.3	6.4	14.1
74	42	Bornvech	64	67	..	0.7	1.1	..
236	163	Brake Bros	230	236	..	7.6	3.2	20.6
439	231	Cadbury-Schwep (aa)	387	388	-10	11.9	2.9	21.3
233	188	Carrs Milling	247	257	+4	9.7	3.8	9.0
470	370	Chiltern Dairies	465	468	..	12.1	2.5	24.3
2½	1½	Do 'A'	2½	2½	..	0.1	5.5	11.9
58	53	Cadbury	57	58	-3	..	..	..
368	272	Dalgety (aa)	353	357	-5	19.2	5.7	13.6
117	78	Daniels S	75	80	..	4.5	5.8	16.3
213	169	Dee (aa)	175	178	-2	11.3	6.5	11.4
131	78	Ellis (J)	113	116	+3	..	..	..
116	83	Fil Fyffes	113	116	+3	2.5	2.4	20.9
116	83	Fisher (A)	113	116	-1	2.5	2.4	20.9
116	83	Finch Lovell	113	116	-1	2.5	2.4	20.9
116	83	Fitch Lovell	113	116	-1	2.5

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AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
46/1, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494
Euro Gth Acc 107.5 116.2 -1.5 1.04
Exempt 461.3 492.6e -4.5 4.50
Far Eastern 219.8 234.5 -4.4 0.00
Fin & Prop 82.00 86.87e -0.49 2.43
Hi Yield 78.13 82.80 -0.72 4.55
Income & Gth 314.2 332.8 -9.8 4.28
Ind Earnings 181.9 192.8 -1.8 2.87
Int Gth Inc 86.9 94.7 -1.2 0.23
Japan Gth Acc 163.2 183.8 -3.7 0.00
N Amer Gth Inc 118.9 124.5e -0.6 2.35
Prefgeorge Inc 133.7 141.6 -0.9 6.00
Smi Co Dry Inc 95.9 101.6e -0.6 4.30
Smi Co Gth 263.2 325.0e -3.4 1.46
Spec Sits Inc 137.7 145.8 -1.4 1.61
UK Growth 380.8 403.4e -4.2 3.20

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366
High Income 258.7 318.1 -2.1 4.85
Equity Inc 179.6 185.9e +1.6 4.20
High Yield 176.8 187.2 -1.2 4.98
Balanced 426.3 452.9 -3.5 3.16
American 21.63 25.42e -0.09 1.02
Japan 143.1 152.4 -0.2 0.01
Sec of Amer 183.1 195.0 -1.8 1.84
Asset Value 356.7 372.9 -1.1 2.89
O'seas Earn 210.9 224.6 -1.9 2.52
Recovery 101.7 108.3 -0.8 2.88
UK Spec Sits 267.9 285.3 -1.7 2.53
Smlr Co 172.5 183.6 -1.4 2.08
Capital 258.2 274.9 -1.7 2.90
Amer Spec Sit 63.07 67.16 -0.42 1.47
International 93.93 100.0e -0.31 0.99
Growth & Inc 154.3 164.3 -1.0 2.91
Euro Gth 17.91 19.07e -0.02 1.31
Pacific 230.4 245.3e +0.6 0.19
2nd Smlr Co 197.8 210.6 -0.2 1.87

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544
Capital 80.65 86.03e .. 3.31
Euro Gth Inc 64.19 68.47e .. 1.02
Extra Income 96.75 103.2 .. 4.78
General 172.7 184.2 .. 3.98
Gth & Fixed Inc 53.49 56.14c .. 5.66
Income Tst 412.6 440.1e -0.1 3.81

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 195, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9000
American EVS 59.0 62.6 -0.3 1.30
Australia 71.09 76.53 -0.43 0.00
Eastern 81.40 86.83 -0.50 0.00
Equity Inc 70.4 74.7 -0.7 5.00
Europe 120.9 128.3 -0.9 0.00
Exempt Tst 55.91 59.33e -1.25 3.10
Growth & Inc 78.16 82.93e -0.55 1.29
Do Acc 121.8 129.3e -0.9 2.20
Global Gth 63.25 67.11 -0.33 0.00
Japan Spec 140.6 151.0e -3.2 0.00
Japan Sun 169.1 179.4 -3.7 0.00
First Europe 107.7 114.3 -1.4 1.16
First Japan 101.8 105.6 -3.0 0.50
First N Amer 45.88 48.68e -0.18 1.00
First Smlr Co 96.13 102.0 -0.39 1.40
First Special 45.84 48.65 -0.18 0.00
UK Growth 58.64 62.38 -0.44 5.24
Select Man Fd 47.31 50.16 -0.30 2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
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Financial 158.0 168.7e -1.4 3.91
Smlr Co Acc 307.7 333.9 -1.9 0.82
Do Inc 194.7 211.3 -1.1 1.26
High Income 79.27 85.10 -0.51 5.01
Income 95.54 102.0 -0.51 5.53
Main Portf Inc 69.66 94.67e -1.03 2.83
Do Acc 150.6 164.8e -1.6 2.20
Nth American 50.48 54.27 -0.27 0.00
Orient 107.4 115.0 -0.3 0.28
Exempt 280.5 296.0 -1.3 2.76
Recovery 68.34 72.95 -0.80 1.81
Special Sits 68.39 72.81 -0.40 2.25
Int Recov 28.15 29.85 -0.16 0.90
Europe 16.40 17.55 -0.09 3.99
Conv General 24.90 26.48 -0.20 6.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 01 823 2349
Emer Gth Fd In 63.37 67.24e -0.62 1.58
Emr Gth Fd Acc 63.84 67.72e -0.65 1.58
Fellowship Inc 62.86 66.70 -0.35 1.70
General Inc 4 272.9 289.6 -3.0 2.50
Do Acc 4 450.7 478.2 -4.7 2.50
Income Fd 3 141.5 150.1 -1.5 4.50
Do Acc 3 256.5 282.8 -2.7 4.50
Int Income 2 105.8 111.9e -0.5 1.80
Do Acc 2 143.1 151.3 -0.8 1.80
Smlr Inc 5 100.1 105.2e -1.0 1.57
Do Acc 100.8 115.4e -1.1 1.57

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
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Tel: 01-480 7216
Shl Gt Fxd Int 51.34 52.09 +0.02 1.40

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
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Tel: 01-902 8876
Growth 34.25 36.64e -0.61 2.77
Income 43.42 46.44e -0.72 4.43

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Far East 29.14 31.13e -0.53 0.29
Nth American 27.43 29.30e -0.19 0.71
Global 44.74 47.80 -0.67 0.72
European 40.66 43.25e -0.15 1.24
Japan 84.89 90.50 -1.70 0.01
Strategic Opp 50.33 53.83 -1.14 1.39
Do Acc 47.5 50.8 .. 3.31
Intl Currency 45.39 47.83 +0.09 6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0808
Capel 400.8 430.9 -3.8 3.16
European S S 49.67 52.97 +0.03 3.07
Far East S S 59.17 55.76 -0.65 0.64
Gold Gen S S 53.71 57.32 -0.77 0.88
Income 348.2 371.6 -3.0 5.67
Intl Sp Sits 50.19 53.56 -0.39 1.91
Nth Amer 235.4 251.2 .. 2.27

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815
Investment 461.2 .. .. 4.70
Fixed Int 143.2 .. .. 9.99
Deposit 100.0 .. .. 8.76

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815
Income 436.17 ● .. 5.07
Acc £13.7114 .. .. ..
Deposit 100.0 .. .. 9.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622
Man Retmnt 23.09 24.43 .. ..
SC Special Sits 67.19 71.10 .. 0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0860 373353
Amer Gth 20.01 21.17 -0.21 0.38
Asian Gth 22.34 23.61 -0.23 0.00
Dragon Gth 29.26 27.86 -0.43 1.69
Equity Hi Inc 58.84 62.10 -0.43 4.65
Do Acc 58.63 62.03 -0.43 4.65
European Gth 45.09 47.66 -0.39 1.58
Int Earnings 181.9 192.8 -1.8 2.87
Int Gth Inc 88.9 94.7 -1.2 0.23
Japan Gth Acc 163.2 183.8 -3.7 0.00
N Amer Gth Inc 118.9 124.5e +0.6 2.35
Prefgeorge Inc 133.7 141.6 -0.9 6.00
Smi Co Dry Inc 95.9 101.6e -0.6 4.30
Smi Co Gth 263.2 325.0e -3.4 1.46
Spec Sits Inc 137.7 145.8 -1.4 1.61
UK Growth 380.8 403.4e -4.2 3.20

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
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UK & Gen Inc 54.23 57.69 -0.47 2.54
Do Acc 56.49 60.10 -0.48 2.54
Income Inc 56.73 60.34 -0.48 3.51
Worldwide Inc 45.48 48.65e -0.24 0.52
Do Acc 45.14 49.35e -0.25 0.52
Gamma Inc 37.31 39.66 -0.15 0.98
Do Acc 37.31 39.66 -0.15 0.98
Amer Gth 52.61 56.18 -0.44 0.70
Euro Gth 54.91 56.41 -0.08 0.85
Far East 66.84 71.27 -0.14 0.00
Gt/Fxd Int 47.93 50.51 +0.03 8.13
World Bond 47.78 50.67 -0.13 5.48
Private Inv Pt 47.67 50.54 -0.12 3.20
Profess Inv Pt 50.66 54.11 -0.26 1.77
Progres Inv Pt 50.88 54.11 -0.26 1.17

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033
Amer Tst 105.3 113.8e -1.7 0.73
Canadian Gth 20.67 22.41 -0.28 0.98
European Tst 95.04 101.1 -1.43 0.00
Growth Tst 265.3 283.0e -4.3 2.70
High Income 319.1 340.4 -5.2 5.05
Intl Tech Tst 110.5 117.9 -1.7 0.66
Investment 25.59 27.79 -0.35 2.20
Japanese Tst 23.85 25.51 -7.1 0.00
Man Int 28.28 30.17 -0.62 2.49

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424
European Gth 52.28 56.06 -0.11 3.00
Euro Spec Sits 38.56 41.45 -0.15 1.90
International 47.29 50.28 -0.29 5.20
N Amer Gth 43.39 47.10 -0.27 0.70
Pacific Gth 60.12 64.34 -1.15 4.80
UK Gth Acc 69.41 74.97 -0.62 2.98
Do Dist 67.05 72.48 -0.60 2.90
UK Income 59.83 63.93 -0.37 5.86

DFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090345
American Fd 59.98 63.73 -0.08 1.57
Capital Fd 136.2 144.7 -1.5 1.36
Convertable 24.57 26.11 -0.12 7.56
Dividend 22.81 24.24 -0.26 4.60
Growth & Inc 180.9 192.2e -2.3 3.80
High Dist Fd 152.7 162.2 -1.8 4.93
International 268.2 227.2e -2.5 1.02
Pacific Basin 23.55 25.02 -0.45 0.00
Resources Fd 23.55 25.02 -0.45 0.00
Smlr Jap Co 43.35 46.97 +0.29 0.00
Tokyo Fd 194.9 206.6 -5.2 0.00
Ex Amer 2 121.2 124.5 .. 1.84
Ex Japan 3 122.0 129.4 .. 0.00
Ex Pacific 4 387.2 397.8 .. 0.22
Ex Smlr Jap 4 257.6 264.7 .. 0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311
UK Balan Inc 84.37 89.52 -0.66 2.71
UK Bal Gth 84.99 94.32 -0.66 2.58
UK Gth Acc 126.6 134.3 -0.7 2.04
UK High Inc 96.61 102.5 -0.49 4.27
N Amer Acc 63.84 68.10e -0.31 1.03
Far East Acc 118.0 125.8e -0.27 0.51
European Acc 70.69 75.31e -0.35 1.55
UK Gt/Fi Inc 55.91 58.77 -0.23 8.85
Do Acc 64.92 68.25 -0.27 7.62
Ind Spec Sits 38.76 41.34 -0.44 1.62

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 56966
Endurance 118.1 125.8 .. 1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480
Equit Pelican 94.62 100.6 .. 3.68
High Income 100.7 107.2 .. 4.76
Gt/Fxd Inter 51.39 54.69e .. 7.50
Tst Of Inv Tsts 88.74 94.41e .. 2.12
Spec Sits Tst 106.3 113.1 .. 2.65
Nth Amer Tst 59.29 63.06 .. 1.41
Far East Tst 116.8 124.3e .. 0.32
Intl Gth 57.81 61.51 .. 1.79
European Tst 41.00 43.62 .. 1.79

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2SG Tel: 0203 553291
UK Gth Acc 179.7 191.2 -2.7 3.34
Do Inc 149.0 158.6 -2.3 3.34
Higher Inc Acc 335.4 356.9 -4.6 4.45
Do Inc 253.3 269.5 -3.5 4.45

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Gilts & Fxd Acc 111.3 116.9 -0.8 6.74
Do Inc 83.31 87.57 -0.54 6.74
Gen Exempt 151.1 162.0 -0.85 0.70
High Inc/Gth 71.13 75.93 -0.16 3.65
Gold Shares 15.96 17.00 -0.12 1.87
Ind Sel Opps 111.5 119.0e +0.82 2.06
Oil & Energy 47.08 50.25 +0.53 0.71
Wrldwide Recov 92.20 98.42 -0.53 0.71
Overseas Tsts
American 64.82 68.82 +0.35 1.29
Amer Sel Opp 27.97 29.78 +0.10 0.75
Australasian 17.31 18.56 +0.14 0.45
Eurobond 45.18 48.24 -0.22 1.18
Euro Sel Opp 57.23 60.86e -0.50 0.92
Far East 128.7 137.4 -0.98 0.14
Hedged Amer 30.45 32.43 -0.39 0.00
Hong Kong 31.88 34.03 -0.60 1.76
Japan 128.6 137.3e -2.16 0.00
Japan S/Opp 70.72 75.19 -0.77 0.00
Pacific Gth 82.00 85.47 -0.17 0.97

EUROPEAN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680
US Smlr Co 63.76 68.19 .. 0.63
UK Inc Fd 93.42 99.82 .. 4.35
Far East Fd 67.65 83.75 -0.67 0.00
Overseas Inc 62.62 66.97 -0.58 4.27
Financial Fd 59.39 63.52 -0.64 1.90
European Inc 60.79 65.01e -0.73 2.27
Financials Fd 47.06 50.27e -0.50 0.77
Intl Tech Fd 16.81 17.90 -0.5 0.00
UK Gth 68.30 74.12 -0.56 2.18
US Major 45.86 49.90 .. 0.88

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132
Select Gen Acc 71.62 76.20 -0.53 1.20
Do Inc 69.88 74.06 -0.51 1.20
Hi Yield Acc 30.98 32.95e -0.10 4.66
Do Inc 29.84 31.75e -0.09 4.66
Inc Gen Acc 58.19 61.92 -0.42 3.50
Do Inc 48.57 53.06 -0.36 3.50
Serv Co Acc 73.90 78.63 -0.54 0.70
Do Inc 71.57 76.16 -0.52 0.70
Amer Gth Acc 23.54 25.05e -0.24 1.20
Do Inc 23.28 24.78e -0.24 1.20
Euro Gth Acc 18.61 17.90 -0.14 2.00
Do Inc 16.73 17.81 -0.14 2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
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American 103.1 109.1 -0.1 0.80
Amer Eqty Inc 29.07 29.79e +0.03 5.36
Amer Spec Sit 31.58 33.58e +0.03 0.41
Australasian 27.50 29.23 -0.17 2.13
European 57.85 61.35 -0.49 ..
Far East Inc 32.05 34.04e -0.04 4.29
Global Comv 22.39 23.95 -0.01 5.44
Far East Inc 38.65 40.94 -0.22 3.57
Gt/Fxd Interest 29.00 29.29e -0.04 10.02
Growth & Inc 114.9 123.3 -.1 4.87
Japan Spec Sit 71.81 75.29 -1.23 ..
Japan 153.9 174.3e -3.5 ..
Managed Intl 127.1 135.4 -1.6 0.33
Inc Plus 102.5 110.1 -1.31 5.36
Famous Name 41.56 44.57c -0.28 2.44
SE Asia 42.77 45.55 -0.19 0.69
Spec Sit 275.3 295.3 -0.4 0.57
Eastern Opps 23.62 25.11 -0.21 0.00
Intl Bond 24.44 25.60e +0.03 7.39
Recovery 29.52 31.56 -0.37 2.29
Moneybuilder 26.1 27.89 -0.2 2.87

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 8631
Amer Smlr Cos 177.2 187.1e +0.6 ..
Do Acc 181.0 191.0e +0.5 ..
Amer Turn Inc 205.0 216.3 .. ..
Do Acc 272.0 287.0 .. ..
Capital Inc 277.0 292.3 -1.7 2.16
Do Acc 343.4 362.4 -2.0 2.16
Comv/Gilt Inc 106.3 112.1e -0.3 5.85
Do Acc 131.9 139.2 -0.4 5.85
European Inc 56.45 59.57 -0.46 1.04
Do Acc 56.93 60.08 -0.47 1.04
Extra Inc Inc 245.3 258.8e -1.4 4.29
Do Acc 285.5 301.3 -1.7 4.29
Financial Acc 44.06 47.56 -0.13 0.566
Do Inc 44.65 47.12 -0.13 0.566
Income Tst 188.3 177.6 -1.3 4.04
Do Acc 196.9 193.1 -1.4 3.99
Intl Growth Fd 147.4 155.5 -0.2 ..
Do Acc 163.7 172.7 -0.2 ..
Japan/Gen Inc 122.3 129.0 -2.1 ..
Do Acc 125.5 130.8 -1.7 ..
Monthly Inc Fd 125.5 135.6e -0.7 4.12
PEP 87 53.53 -0.47 2.54
PEP 88 56.65 59.78 -0.31 2.39
Recovery 91.56 96.61 -0.49 1.63
Do Acc 205.7 216.9e -2.0 1.29
Smaller Inc 59.88 63.19 -0.34 2.30
Do Acc 60.17 63.50 -0.24 2.30

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Equity Dist 240.1 254.5 -1.78 2.71
Do Acc 418.6 443.7 -3.09 2.71
Euro Gth Dist 56.24 59.67e -0.30 0.59
Do Acc 56.80 60.05e -0.30 0.59
Fxd Interest Di 113.6 119.8 -0.54 7.80
Do Acc 149.2 157.4 -0.71 7.80
Int Gth Dist 54.78 58.12 -0.42 0.58
Do Acc 55.10 58.46 -0.42 0.58
Nth Amer Dist 119.4 122.3e -0.65 1.41
Do Acc 119.4 122.3e -0.65 1.41
Pac Basin Dist 185.0 196.3e -1.95 0.00
Do Acc 185.2 196.5e -1.95 0.00
Steward Dist 240.3 257.8 -1.12 1.42
Do Acc 367.3 371.7 -1.18 1.42
Stewardship Di 59.97 63.56e -0.31 3.71
Do Acc 61.26 64.93e -0.14 3.71
N Am Stwd Di 54.64 57.92e +0.17 0.84
Do Acc 55.31 58.63e +0.17 0.84

GT UNIT MANAGERS
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Amer Sp Sits 87.52 91.52 -0.32 0.45
UK Cap Inc 132.5 142.2e -1.2 3.04
Do Acc 199.0 212.9 -1.8 3.04
Do Spec Sits 54.19 57.96 -0.55 0.98
Income Fd 98.62 105.7 -0.97 5.80
Intermnal 160.8 172.0 -0.8 1.13
US & General 44.16 47.23 -0.03 0.96
Japan & Gen 301.4 322.4 -4.3 0.30
Far East Gen 124.8 133.6 -1.4 0.30
European Acc 70.69 75.31e -0.35 1.55
Germany Fd 53.17 56.51 -0.26 1.68
Intl Inc Fd 47.89 51.22 -0.10 6.12
Wld Spec Sit 60.26 64.45e -0.27 2.79
Global Prp Inc 47.32 50.61 -0.30 2.42
Do Acc 47.32 50.61 -0.30 2.42

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 6314
Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336
UK Gth Tsts
British Acc 70.12 74.67e -0.83 2.71
Do Dist 59.46 63.32e -0.70 2.71
Chalt UK Gth 24.86 26.35 -0.28 2.20
Man Expt 276.1 296.1 -2.51 2.53
Pacific Inv Inc 72.30 75.21e -0.58 2.57
Do Acc 127.1 136.0 -1.08 2.47
Spec Sits 111.7 120.1 -1.42 0.35
UK Sel Opps 63.36 67.82 -0.29 1.12
UK Smlr Cos 108.7 116.4 -0.38 1.15
Income Tsts
Extra Inc 60.82 65.23 -0.33 6.28
Fxd Interest 29.7 31.7e -0.1 7.66
High Income 31.18 33.28e .. 5.32
Income 100.7 108.0e -0.57 7.07
Intl Fxd Int 23.62 25.04 -0.05 7.90
International Tsts
Commod Shre 60.75 64.85 -0.59 1.32

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Frontier Mkts 26.00 27.92 -0.19 0.96
Global 119.5 170.8 -0.69 0.70
Global Dss 151.1 162.0 -0.85 0.70
Glob Inc/Gth 71.13 75.93 -0.16 3.65
Gold Shares 15.96 17.00 -0.12 1.87
Ind Sel Opps 111.5 119.0e +0.82 2.06
Oil & Energy 47.08 50.25 +0.53 0.71
Wrldwide Recov 92.20 98.42 -0.53 0.71
Overseas Tsts
American 64.82 68.82 +0.35 1.29
Amer Sel Opp 27.97 29.78 +0.10 0.75
Australasian 17.31 18.56 +0.14 0.45
Eurobond 45.18 48.24 -0.22 1.18
Euro Sel Opp 57.23 60.86e -0.50 0.92
Far East 128.7 137.4 -0.98 0.14
Hedged Amer 30.45 32.43 -0.39 0.00
Hong Kong 31.88 34.03 -0.60 1.76
Japan 128.6 137.3e -2.16 0.00
Japan S/Opp 70.72 75.19 -0.77 0.00
Pacific Gth 82.00 85.47 -0.17 0.97

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGERS
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HX Tel: 01-378 7979
Dealing:01-588 0626
Ind Gth 92.54 98.44 -1.40 1.07
American Gth 61.56 65.47 -0.06 0.55
American Inc 51.57 54.88 -0.48 1.00
Australian Gth 46.78 49.77e -0.20 1.17
Gold & Mnrls 49.36 52.44e -0.73 0.88
Japan Gth 64.39 68.50e -1.06 0.14
Pacific Basin 41.29 43.92e -0.76 3.79
Pacific Strat 48.83 51.94 -0.84 0.41
UK Prog Inc 73.80 78.51 +0.21 4.24
UK Spec Opps 150.5 160.0e -1.18 1.42
UK Smlr Cos 92.65 98.51 -0.49 3.23
UK Snd Co 39.25 41.75e -0.15 1.06

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, London EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 8282
Gt/Fxd Interest 117.2 121.8 .. 9.16
Gth Equity 253.2 270.0 .. 2.35
Guarantee 335.7 347.8e .. 2.86
Income Tst 98.1 103.6 .. 4.56
Intl Tst 113.5 120.0 .. 0.36
Pacific Tst 127.3 134.7 .. 0.00
Pacific 277.4 293.5 .. 0.00
Prop Shares 382.1 404.3e .. 1.73
Smaller Cos 181.8 192.3 .. 0.00
European Tst 245.6 259.8 .. 1.17

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT MANAGERS
PO Box 643, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 8333
Global Gth 40.95 43.37 .. 0.60
High Income 94.84 100.4 .. 5.00
N Amer Tst 109.5 116.5 .. 0.61
Pacific Gth 43.54 46.32 .. 0.50
Recovery 332.1 353.4 .. 2.20
Sel Vincent Inc 110.3 113.4e .. 5.45
Sel Vinc US Gth 54.45 55.99c .. 0.96
Temp B Sm Co 260.9 273.9e .. 3.11
TSUSF 163.8 176.3 .. 2.63
Euro Gth Tst 45.53 48.27 .. 0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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John Hurrell looks at a concept which has become increasingly prevalent in business schools

Face the risks and still keep smiling



John Hurrell, left, is director of Sedgwick UK (London) Limited, part of the Sedgwick Group, which deals in insurance broking and risk management

Though the term risk management was coined many years ago, it is only recently that we have seen its widespread application in Britain. The concept originated in Europe but like so many other management sciences the theory and phraseology developed in the United States. And, so far, risk management thinking is still more advanced across the Atlantic.

Risk managers are now a well-established professional body, generally being members of Airmic, the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce. The association has recently been instrumental in the formation of the Institute of Risk Management dedicated to the study of this subject.

Some would describe risk management as that which enlightened management would undertake without insurance. Certainly a company embracing sound commitment to the risk-management philosophy considers insurance a long stop – a weapon of the last resort – and instead asks questions such as does insurance really insulate my future completely from the effects of a catastrophe or are there any residual losses which insurance does not cover?

What else can the company do about the risk instead of, or in addition to, buying insurance?"

One could argue the risk-management philosophy is nothing new. Companies have been practising preventive medicine for years. Risk management merely brings together various functions which have previously been handled separately. But the whole is greater than the sum of the parts and a risk manager can co-ordinate and foster a total approach towards risk throughout the company.

The risk management approach embodies several stages. Potential risks need to be identified and a risk profile of the company produced. Each risk situation is then reviewed to see how it can be managed.

The company will seek to insure potentially catastrophic risks either in the open market or possibly using its own insurance subsidiary protected by suitable reinsurance.

At the same time, the risks will be assessed to determine if they can be controlled cost-effectively, reduced or even eliminated. This might range from training staff in fire awareness or hazard spotting to designing cost-effective fire engineering facilities. It might also involve sending sales executives on "skilful driving courses" or ensuring regular health check-ups for staff and hearing tests for factory-floor workers in noisy environments.

Fundamental to risk management is that risks are constantly changing. Under the 1987 Consumer Protection Act, for example, any injured person is able to claim damages against a manufacturer without proving negligence. This will expand the legal risks business faces but at the same time, should heighten interest in product liability risk management – better design standards, packaging and labelling – to minimise risk exposures.

Some companies are actively embracing an aggressive risk-management programme. Vickers has developed an effective programme throughout their 50 locations. Vickers' products range through Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars, lithographic plates, armoured fighting vehicles, medical and scientific equipment and marine engineering.

As John Smith, general manager, risk and insurance, comments "The great difficulty with risk management is that you cannot actually prove how successful it is. Before and after comparisons are impossible because risks are constantly changing. One can only present the benefits of the pro- happen if it isn't implemented – you may have a fire or you may not.

"At Vickers, fire-awareness training, for example, is regarded not just a function of the safety officer but as part of managing the business. Accordingly, executives throughout the company attend fire-awareness courses.

"A fire at the Rolls-Royce motor cars factory in Crewe, or one of its main component suppliers, could be catastrophic," Mr Smith says. "Insurance is not the full answer. You cannot insure for permanent loss of market or the uphill struggle to recover your former position."

This philosophy echoes what is known as the 'iceberg principle'. This holds that an insurance claim typically represents no more than a quarter of actual loss suffered. If a salesman has a car accident, for example, the insurance money to cover repairs is only part of the cost of the accident. The overhead wastage while that employee is a non-producer, the cost of providing alternative transport and even skilful driving training all have to be built into the operation.

Integral to any risk-management programme is a fully documented contingency plan. This outlines formally how to minimise the impact of an unforeseen event and thereby preventing a crisis from becoming a disaster. Says Mr Smith: "Up to half of those companies which suffer a major fire loss never fully recover. It is the intention of contingency planning at Vickers that no operating unit suffer that fate."

Contingency planning extends even to drawing up a public-relations plan for disaster. This embraces such issues as who should be the spokesperson and are they trained to respond to the media? Do they have the background facts and figures to ensure positive and accurate reporting of the incident and its consequences?

But fundamental to the success of a risk management programme is that the spirit be embraced by the whole company. At Vickers, for instance, it would have been impossible to obtain the commitment from the rest of the firm without the support from the chief executive, Sir David Plastow, and his board, who have actively endorsed the programme and are responsible for its implementation.

Risk management is not an abstract nor is it a glorified term for insurance administration. It is a management science which can have a substantial impact on a company, be they large multinationals or small businesses.

A BRIEF DEFINITION OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Why should senior management be concerned with risk management? It can be defined as the management of insurable risks; ie, "pure" risks such as fire, theft, floods and workplace accidents as opposed to "commercial" risks such as over-estimation of the market or changing consumer tastes.

In today's complex businesses, however, all risks have commercial ramifications. Controlling the total cost of these risks has become an important aspect of management.

So risk management can probably best be described as the systematic anticipation, prevention and treatment of any risk which threatens the people, property and profit performance of a company.

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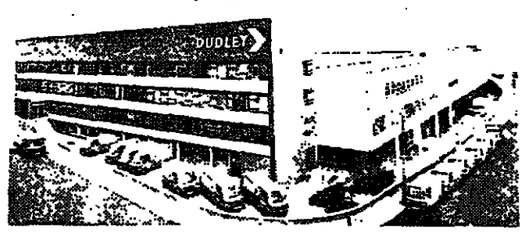
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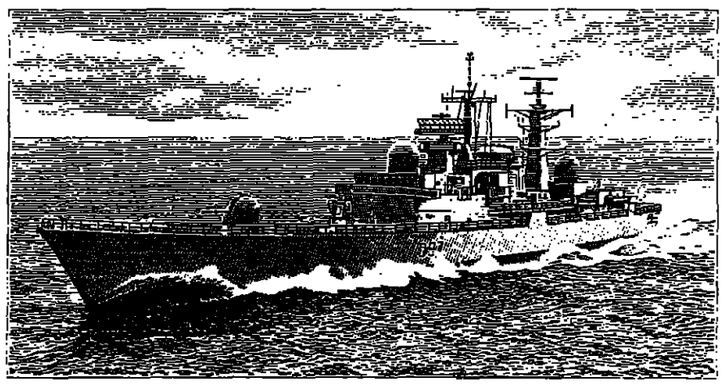
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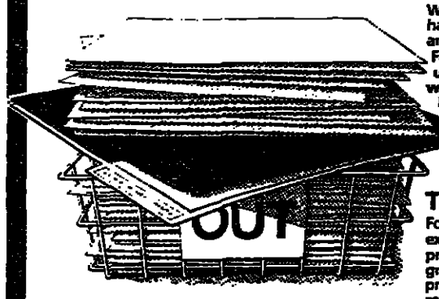
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Beryl Dixon reports on the Industrial Society's initiative to forge a vital link between industry and education

Schools meet challenge

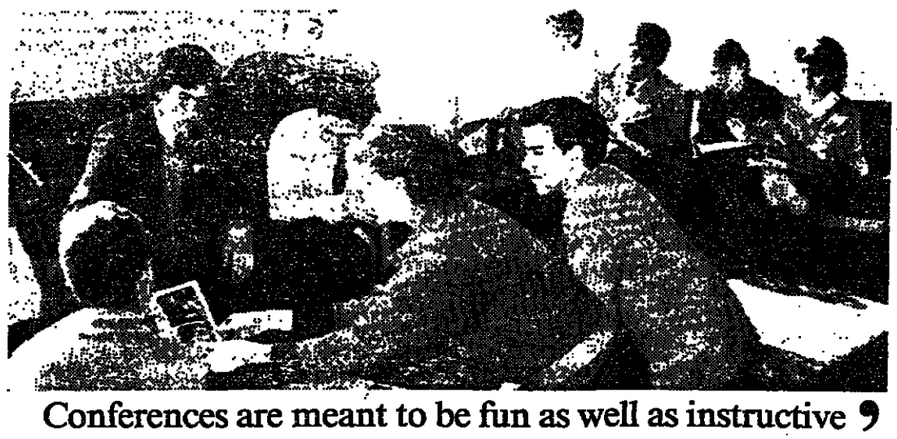
We are accustomed these days to hearing of the need to build stronger links between industry and education. Indeed, Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, said last month at an Industry Matters conference that the two sectors must work more closely together if they are to meet the challenge of the single European market and the declining numbers of young people.

Such links are increasing. Yet in a survey conducted among 15-year-olds, who were asked to rate 22 careers in descending order of interest, industry came halfway down the list, well below accountancy, law and civil aviation. Industry still does not have an attractive image.

One initiative which has been in existence for some years is the Challenge of Industry conference, held in schools for sixth-formers and pioneered by the Industrial Society. The chances are that busy personnel and training managers will sooner or later receive a phone call, either from one of the society's campaigners, or direct from a teacher, requesting help at one of these events.

What are they, and why should companies consider committing themselves to taking part?

Conferences are run over one or two days, and are designed, says the society, "to provide opportunities for students to learn about and sample the challenges of managing and representing people at work".



Conferences are meant to be fun as well as instructive

Sixth-formers taking part in a Challenge of Industry conference

Originally, the conferences were held in the independent schools, largely because of the expense. Thanks to sponsorship from industry, they are now organized in about 200 state schools every year.

Such schools pay a proportion of the cost. In addition, schools which have had a conference run by the Industrial Society may buy a DIY manual and run their own in subsequent years. It is the latter group of schools that are likely to make their own requests to local employers.

At each conference, talks are given by a manager and a trades union representative on their respective roles, highlighting the satisfactions and the problems. But the leading part of a conference is devoted to group work. Students, mainly those on A-level or equivalent courses, are divided into groups of 10 or 12.

Advised, rather than led, by group advisers, who are managers from industry or commerce, the groups work their way through a series of decision-making tasks, discussion exercises and team projects, not unlike those encountered by managers sent by their own companies to attend courses at management centres.

Experience shows the group work approach is effective. Reaction from students is that most find the experience useful and enjoyable. "Conferences are meant to be fun, too," says the society. Some students revise their views on industry. Others, of course, do not, but the majority say that they have benefited in some way, whether in finding out about industry, or in learning to solve problems or to communicate more effectively.

What do companies gain from the Challenge of Industry conferences linking schools with industry? Most of the large companies that regularly provide group advisers give two main reasons for their continuing support.

First, they say, it provides a unique opportunity to get across to young people — face to face, and in small groups rather than in a formal lecture — something of what industry is about.

Tony Rolph, of Monsanto, says: "We need to improve the image of industry held by the average 17-year-old. We would like to dispel some of the myths and take away the fears of the old smoke-filled factories; showing them the satisfactions and challenges of industry today."

Mr Rolph attends conferences himself and finds them enjoyable. "They are personally invigorating, and it is encouraging to see the talent these youngsters can display, and the way they tackle problems."

This view is echoed by Brian Rynn, training and development manager of British Gas, North Thames division, who says: "Our senior managers have found their faith in young people renewed."

IBM, which supplies 250 group advisers every year, speaks of the valuable opportunity to get the young people's impressions on industry in an informal setting, and, if possible, to change them.

"We hope our group advisers can get across something of what management skills are all about, whether concerned with completing a task, or managing people."

There are obvious benefits to companies which may succeed in attracting these young people. With the declining population in their age group in their favour for getting jobs, they are at a premium. They should be persuaded to think again about joining industry and commerce, whether it is straight from school, or after higher education.

The second reason given by most companies for their participation is that they see these conferences as a part of the training and development of their own managers. Many deliberately send their younger managers.

British Gas says: "Our staff not only give, but get fresh ways of looking at complex issues and problems."

The Midland Bank says: "Both sides gain. We provide the time and expertise to help the schools. For this, we naturally get our name known among sixth-formers.

"Our managers gain, too. They meet advisers from other companies. The case studies and problems designed for the youngsters show them the decisions managers in manufacturing companies have to take that are not purely financial.

"They appreciate some of the problems faced by client firms which approach bank managers for financial help. Also, the younger managers develop leadership skills by seeing how a group performs from the outside. It adds a dimension they do not themselves get as group members on courses."

These companies are all obviously enthusiastic supporters of Challenge of Industry conferences. They are also big organizations, but as one spokesman says, smaller companies, if asked to participate, should not look in horror at the time and expense involved, but think instead of the potential benefits. IBM, for example, is happy to talk to such companies.

In the words of Tony Rolph: "It's time well-spent, despite the cost, and something we have to do — or face the consequences."

Industry harvests talent



Brian Rynn, right, of British Gas: "Renewed faith in young people"

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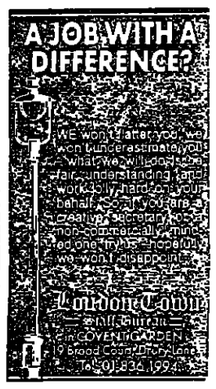
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The role of the overseas player will come under close scrutiny when the Test and County Cricket Board considers the decline in English cricket at its meeting tomorrow. In the second of a three-part series, Alan Lee assesses the arguments for and against, and analyses the counties' recruiting methods

There are those who regard overseas players as the saviours of English cricket. There are others who hold them responsible for most of the ills afflicting the game. Somewhere between these extremist views lies the truth – the fact that the imported stars had their uses but that now, perhaps, they have become redundant if not directly damaging.

The point of introducing foreign players to England's domestic game was initially to inject star appeal, to tempt spectators back to an ailing public entertainment. One-day cricket was under way and most counties were attracted by the idea of a big-name player who would not only set the turnstiles clicking but might easily bring them hope of a trophy.

There were disappointments – even the incomparable Gary Sobers did not transform Nottinghamshire into a successful or particularly prosperous club – but certain counties discovered beneficial offshoots, largely in the educational merit of having the right sort of Test star among their home-grown youngsters.

The system began to lose its purpose when some clubs, doubtless jealous of the famous names appearing on rivals' team sheets, became so determined to have an overseas player in their midst that they scoured the world in search. When they failed to find a genuine star, a first division player, they settled for mediocrity. So long as he is not English he will do, seemed to be the baffling logic from some areas of the country.

And then the problems multiplied. With no restrictions on registration, clubs signed two and then three overseas players; it had gone beyond being a quest for something different and become a dangerous obsession. Clubs began to base their playing policies on the foreigners, to pin their hopes on them. English players on county staff became no more than extras, bit-part actors who were expected to provide only the punctuation for the prose of the glamorous imports.

David Graveney began his Gloucestershire career in just such an environment. Now, reflecting on his role as club captain, he appreciates its effects. "We had three overseas players in the side – Procter, Zaheer and Sadiq. They won games for us but the other players, the Englishmen, tended to stroll through them, always looking to the stars for the big performances. When they were no longer around, some of those who were left found they could not raise their game."

Something similar has happened to Hampshire this season but, interestingly, they have responded in a different way. Without their enduring West Indians, Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall, they have won one knock-out trophy for the first time and reached the semi-final of the other.

Their captain, Mark Nicholas, explains: "It is certainly true that because we have not been able to rely on them, others in the team have reacted by playing to their full capability. Instead of being in the shadows, we have succeeded because we have had no stars, just a team."

Graveney, who has been in the game since the early Seventies, is in a good position to assess the role of the imports over the years. He says: "They did save or at least revitalize the game. They improved the quality and gave it more spectator appeal. We are, after all, in an entertainment business.

"But two is too many and three is ridiculous. Each county should be permitted to register only one, unless that player is subsequently chosen for a tour. We still employ two but every county will do that as the rules stand. The regulations must be toughened so that the dominant influence exerted by the overseas players is relaxed."

Neil Lenham is our example of a young county player who has seen domestic cricket only as it is now. His view is revealing: "The overseas players can be a help to others on the staff but in most ways I see them as a hindrance. They are taking vital roles in the team and to have two or three on a staff means using up a great deal of money – enough to recruit about six youngsters. Those youngsters may not initially win the club any games but some of them could turn out to be very good players if given the opportunity."

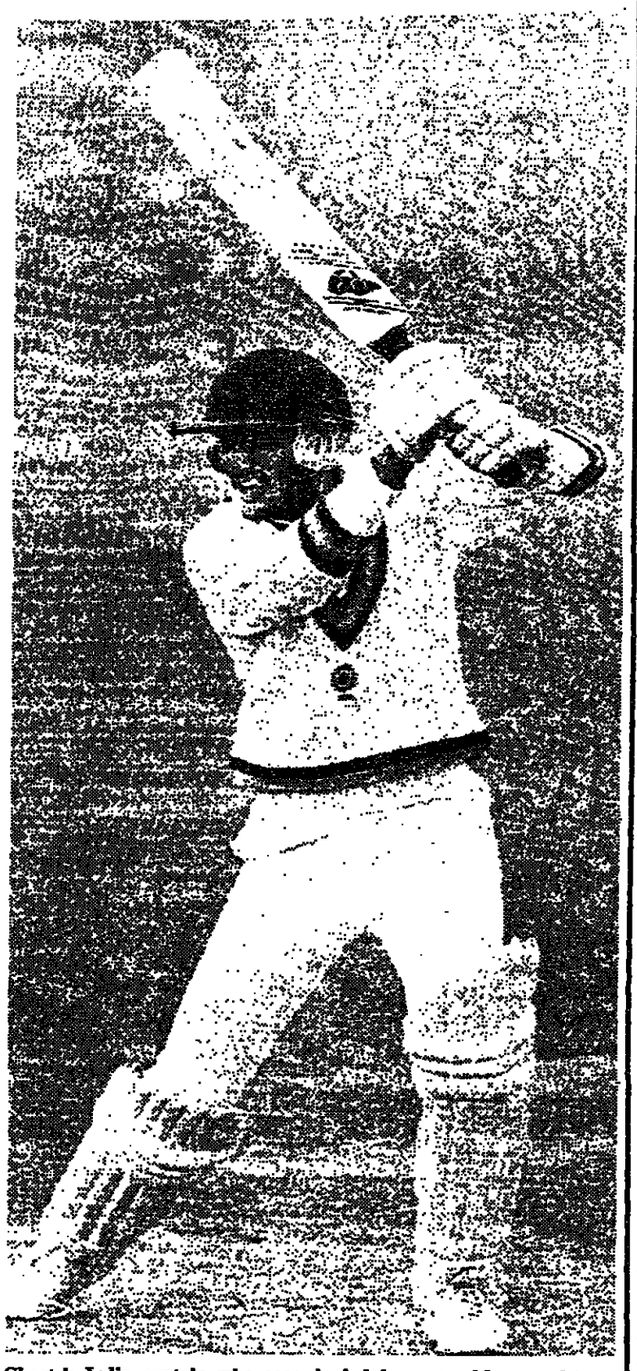
Lenham, along with a lot of others of his generation, would not mourn the passing of the overseas player. Neither would the England team manager, Micky Stewart. His personal view is that the imports do nothing to benefit the development of the English game and too much to aid the progress of other countries. He speaks graphically of the system providing a "finishing school" for the future leaders of rival Test teams. He undoubtedly has a point.

Even Imran Khan, who has been among the most successful of overseas players, has gone on record with the opinion that West Indies and his native Pakistan benefit far more than England from the existing system.

Ravi Shastri, Glamorgan's overseas player and the captain of India, gives another insight: "Attitude is very important. It is not just a matter of batting and bowling. I will always try to help any of the second-team cricketers as much as possible. I think it is part of my job. I would love to have overseas players in India because it does give the youngsters the chance to play with and against the best in the world. The Indians are great imitators and when they see top players in action, they want to imitate them."

There is no question that counties who recruit sensibly still reap the benefits of the system.

When the Test and County Cricket Board reaches its verdict on the place of the overseas player, it will not satisfy everyone. The likeliest outcome, however, and possibly the most logical is a tightening of the regulations rather than a dramatic clear-out. One per county should mean one registration per county, not the cynical rota system being operated at various clubs to the plain detriment of home-bred talent.



Shastri: India captain who regards helping out with second-team players as part of his responsibility with Glamorgan

RACING

Four-timer whets Eddery's appetite for double century

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Pat Eddery's relentless determination to become the first man to ride 200 winners in a season since Sir Gordon Richards in 1952 received fresh impetus yesterday when the champion jockey-elect landed a 1.572-1 four-timer at Salisbury.

"I'm really going for it," the five-times champion said. "If everything goes right, I've got a great chance. It's something I really want to do and if necessary I don't mind finishing up the season at Hamilton and Edinburgh just like I did in my battle with Steve Cauthen last year."

The bare facts are that Eddery has now ridden 127 winners. Four months of the season have gone and there are 75 racing days left with 73 winners needed before the curtain falls at Doncaster on November 5.

The odds are in favour of Eddery fulfilling his ambition. But evening racing finishes at the end of August and with no challenge appearing, the 36-year-old Irish-born rider may find the going tough as the season gets even more competitive and the opportunities fewer. However, Richards accomplished the feat no less than 12 times and in Eddery's epic fight with Cauthen last year he rode 195 winners to the champion's 197.

Eddery's first success came on Titchwell in the first division of the Horton Building Group Stakes. Carrying the maroon and white colours of the Holliday family made famous by such champions as Hethersett and Vaguely Noble, the 12-1 outsider resisted the late attack of Termopolis to win by a fast-diminishing short head.

Titchwell is trained by James Bethell at Didcot for his brother-in-law, Brook Holliday. "I've only got three mares now," said the owner. "I sold 14 to the Aga Khan last year including Bird Reserve, Titchwell's dam."

In the Curzon Sporting Club Stakes Eddery rode Smart Roberto for John Dunlop but had to be content with second place as Willie Carson sent the 5-4 on favourite, Golden Wave, clear for a comfortable victory for Dick Hern and Sir Michael Sobell.

"Last time out Golden Wave was beaten by Carroll House in the Welsh Derby at Chepstow but he was much happier on today's firm going," said Neil Graham, Hern's assistant, who added that both Unfuwain and Minster Son are still possible runners in the St Leger.

Didicoy, even money favourite for the Leisure Bookmakers' Stakes and most people's idea of Eddery's banker of the afternoon, eventually beat Road To Reason by two lengths, but not before Khalid Abdulla's Danzig colt had been the first of the three runners to come under pressure.

Jeremy Tree, Didicoy's trainer, then said Magic Of Life, his winner of Ascot's Coronation Stakes, is fully recovered and is on target for a meeting with Then Again in the Waterford Crystal Mile. Goodwood's group two test now looks packed with interest and it may also be the objective for Doyoun, the 2,000 Guineas winner.

Eddery then went on to ride his easiest winner of the afternoon on Forfun in the Isle of Wight Leisure Handicap. Alec Stewart trained the winner for Muttar Salem, who is a close friend of the Maktoum family.

Eddery's afternoon of glory ended with a second winner for Tree when the 10-1 victory of Sweeping over the 2-1 on favourite, Ambuscade, in the second division of the maiden came as a complete surprise to the trainer.

"That was very nice but completely unexpected," Tree said.

Cruz returns to France

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

Tony Cruz, the five-times Hong Kong champion jockey, yesterday signed a contract which will bring him back to France next season to ride for Mahmoud Fustok.

Fustok has 60 horses in training with Georges Mikhalides, including the high-class Fijar Tango, whose targets are the International Stakes at York and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and Something True, who runs in the Arlington Million later this month.

Cruz, who has been on a three-month working holiday with the stable, won the Grand Prix de Paris on Fijar Tango and the Grand Prix d'Evry on Something True. He is expected to take a second retainer with another stable.

The contract is for one year only but both Fustok and his trainer said yesterday that they hoped it would be extended.

Cruz was in action at Deauville yesterday on Paul Kelleway's Vilandrado, who finished five lengths fifth to Star Touch, trained by Francois Boutin, in the £14,000 Prix des Yearlings Syndicat Zino (7½f).

Counties should take their share of the blame

England's selection policy has been widely condemned this year and not without good reason. The committee system is an invitation to fudge and compromise. It ought to be abolished. But, away from the shop window of the Test team, there are other related questions to be put to those who recruit and select.

Are the counties making sufficient efforts, properly channelled, to locate talent in schools and clubs? Are they then liaising adequately with the England management and is there a commonly agreed policy for the grooming of young talent? Or is the county game now a narrow commercial operation, run by marketing men with no long-term conception of the game's health where it most matters – on the field.

It is doubtful whether the TCCB delegates will fully address themselves to all these questions at tomorrow's meeting, even if they consider them relevant. The TCCB is the counties and if the clubs' accounts are healthy and matches are being won, there are plenty unwilling to indulge in critical self-appraisal.

This is not to say that all counties are negligent in the pursuit of playing excellence. Micky Stewart himself, while manager of Surrey, set up the most extensive network of age-group cricket. At Lancashire, where a renaissance is under way, the coach, Alan Ormrod, has achieved something comparable.

He reports: "I have not noticed any dropping-off of talent at grass-roots level and we have a lot of good coaches operating round the county. The problem is getting them to come into the game and develop. So many players look world-beaters at 16, then level off at 19 and make no further progress. They have to be handled right and allowed to learn their trade."

Ormrod's example, from his own staff, is Michael Atherton, aged 20, the captain of Cambridge University. At the end of the university fixtures, Atherton had a first-class average of 60 but when he returned to Old Trafford, Ormrod declined to pick him. It caused a storm among members but the coach defends his decision: "He doesn't want to be rushed and I don't want to rush him. I don't want any stupid talk about him playing for England until I think he is ready.

The big danger is that he might get disillusioned with the game because he hasn't done his apprenticeship and is finding the going tougher than he expected. It is hard for youngsters to adjust to playing both one-day and three-day cricket. Once he goes through a bad patch, he will be better able to cope. Richard Blakey, at Yorkshire, was last season's Young Cricketer of the Year but now he does not know whether he is coming or going. You have to be patient with youngsters and stick with them."

Ormrod's is the traditional English method of bringing on players slowly so that they peak in their mid-20s or even later. This is seen in some quarters as counter-productive, delaying the maturing process of precocious talent. Other countries, certainly, do things differently and the West Indian success this summer was helped by a persistent faith in the ability of relatively raw young players.

Ravi Shastri made his Test debut for India at the age of 17 and he cannot understand English reluctance. "The problem with the England selectors is that they do not look forward. Age should never be a criterion for selection. In my case, the Indian selectors backed their judgement. As long as a youngster has the right temperament to go with his talent he should be given a chance.

When I saw Matthew Maynard play for the first time there was no doubt in my mind he would play for England. I was delighted he was picked so quickly along with Bailey and Curtis, who are examples of players who had to wait a long time."

If there is to be a happy medium arrived at between rushing talent and resisting it, maybe David Graveney has the answer. "We are in a bit of disarray at the top level," he confirms, "and one way to improve things would be an increase in minor tours of England B teams and age group sides. A lot of constructive things came out of the recent B tour to Sri Lanka.

"There is a massive gap between county and Test cricket and we must try to bridge it. With the continuity that these tours would provide, fewer players would be chosen for England on flimsy evidence and then immediately discarded, because you would have more idea of their ability and temperament. I know these tours are expensive but Test cricket makes a lot of money for the game and this would help to ensure its future quality."

TOMORROW

The grass roots

Lloyd's back research into foal disorders

Lloyd's of London have donated £75,000 to the Animal Health Trust to fund research into gastro-intestinal disorders in foals, primarily into the causes of foal diarrhoea.

The problem is most serious in the first five months of the foal's life and can be fatal.

The donation, which consists of an annual payment of £25,000 over three years, is aimed specifically at horses, and the work will be carried out at Newmarket by the Trust's Department of Infectious Diseases.

Lord Kimball, the chairman of Lloyd's Livestock Fund Committee said: "A solution to a major veterinary problem and a considerable burden on the livestock insurance industry is in sight, and I hope this donation will enable the research to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

French raiders dominate Arab meeting

French-trained runners dominated the international Arab race meeting at Kempton Park yesterday when winning the two races open to overseas challengers (Christopher Goulding writes).

In the Dubai Stakes, they were in command from the strat as Royal De Carrere set a blistering pace until giving way rounding the home turn to their other challenger, Dormane.

In a matter of strides Dormane, ridden by the competent Eric Hoyeau, had his race won, coming home by a comfortable 10 lengths from Vaimar, the first Russian-trained Arab horse to race in this country.

In the Zaabel Stakes, France took the first three places. Eric Hoyeau was again the victorious rider on Didier Cherie, who was two lengths the better of Rubis de Carrere.

SPORTS LETTERS

Pruning MCC's waiting-list

From Mr Roy McKelvie

Sir, Mr Philip Moran (August 4) asks whether MCC members are aware that candidates, and there are well over 13,000 of them, are being asked to pay £50 to remain on the waiting-list.

The answer is on page 6 of the 1987 annual report which introduces what is called a registration fee, deductible from the entrance fee when a candidate is elected.

Thereby it is hoped to prune the waiting-list, which is increasing by 1,500 candidates a year, of those who are lukewarm.

MCC might also consider spending some of the proceeds by offering £50 to old and non-active members like myself to retire, thus bringing some hope to candidates at the bottom of the heap and providing us old'uns with some beer money to bring solace as we watch the Test matches on television.

Yours faithfully
ROY McKELVIE,
Haven Cottage,
Church Lane, Adderbury,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Michael Molyneux

Sir, I write in support of Mr Philip J. Moran. I too have had that offensive letter from the MCC demanding money with threats.

I am a good 20 years older than Mr Moran and it had been my long-held ambition to spend much of my retirement watching cricket from one of the better appointed bars in the pavilion at Lord's.

I had also nursed a wild hope that I might, before finally slipping into second childhood, inherit one of those nursery high chairs in the Long Room.

Now, alas, I shall not have even my dreams. I have no intention of paying £50 or any other sum of money to the vulgar persons who seem to have taken control of what I had always understood to be a gentlemen's club.

I leave to others the question of whether this obsession with money could have anything to do with the present state of English cricket.

I remain, Sir,
Yours, etc.
MICHAEL MOLYNEUX
66 Clarendon Drive, SW15.

Eliminating kick

From Mr L. Noel Agate

Sir, As a keen watcher of snooker (though admittedly no performer) I was intrigued by the ingenious suggestion in Steve Acteson's End Column (July 29) that the notorious "kick" may perhaps be eliminated by a change of chalk.

I have just experimented with six different pens with plastic barrels. Five of these, when rubbed on my shirt sleeve, picked up a scrap of paper. One would not.

Unless struck with running side, the cue ball must surely rub against the cloth for a greater or less distance (the more check side, of course, the greater the distance) before it picks up its correct rolling rotational speed.

Likewise, any object ball when disturbed from rest must be initiatlly in some friction with the cloth. This friction would, I suggest, build up a static charge in a ball made of a susceptible material.

The charge would be earthed more or less quickly, depending on the nature or the dampness of the cloth. This would explain why, as Mr Acteson records, the "kick" happened on one table and not on the other.

Is it not possible that the real solution lies in the material of which the balls are made? Was this phenomenon ever noticed when balls were made of ivory?

Yours faithfully,
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Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Olympic place for champion

From Mr R. V. Milne-Day

Sir, The International Olympic Committee should invite current champions/medal winners to defend their titles, provided they have achieved the qualifying standard in Olympic year and without regard to the selection procedure of their particular country.

Thereby the Olympic movement achieves in part its objective of being the promotion of sport among individuals rather than through nations.

Yours faithfully,
R. V. MILNE-DAY,
11 Breams Buildings, EC4.

From Mr Robert Lowe

Sir, Your chief sports correspondent, David Miller (August 8), puts forward an elitist argument (shared by Sebastian Coe) when he complains of the "inherent flaw in the selction system for proven medal contenders" and he argues that Coe was required "extraordinarily" to race to justify himself. The argument itself is flawed: what happens where, as here, there are four proven medal contenders competing for three places?

Coe's reluctance to race outside major championships is in sharp contrast to Steve Cram who has taken on and defeated every one of his main rivals over the past five years – Coe, Ovett, Elliott, Crabb, Aouita, Cruz and Bile, and many more. This has brought pleasure to millions of people and is surely what sport at the highest level is all about.

The seectors have spoken and they are right. Those of us who went to Birmingham saw two days of riveting athletics and at the end of it we have the strongest team in living memory with a medal chance in 14 events.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT LOWE,
12 Elmwood Avenue,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Rise should aim at off-sales

From Mr Paul Monyard

Sir, It is apparent from recent reports that the Government is considering as one of the options for a cure to hooliganism, and in particular football hooliganism, a drastic increase in the price of alcohol. Whilst I think that in principle the Government is quite correct, I believe that there is a danger that many people will suffer in order to get at a few.

An increase in excise duty is a wide-ranging matter that will affect many other sectors of the drinking public, in particular the elderly and tourists, as well as the target group.

In addition I would suggest that much excess drinking is not done in pubs, clubs and hotels (where the licensee has to bear the consequences of serving alcohol, and it is therefore not in his interest to encourage over-consumption), but comes from drink sold in the off-trade, supermarkets etc., where consumption, and the consequences of it, can take place in the street as well as elsewhere.

Therefore I suggest that the Government look closely at increasing not duty, but VAT, specifically on off-sales, as a means of neatly, efficiently and cost effectively, hitting the target group.

I believe that an increase to even 50 per cent could be justified here, and would not be difficult to administer from either the trade's or Customs and Excise's point of view.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MONYARD (Chairman, Inter Hotels).
35 Hogarth Road, SW5.

Lining up putts

From Mr M. G. Harman

Sir, Kenneth Leach (August 4) may find the "plumb bob" method of lining up a putt unperplexing, but his explanation raises its own difficulties.

First, the golf club must obviously be held with its head approximately aligned with the line from the ball to the hole; but the head is not symmetrical, so to get a vertical by hanging the club, the head should actually be skewed slightly from this line.

But the real trouble with the Leach explanation is this. Suppose you decide to determine your master eye, but you choose the top of the flag stick as the "small object", and what you hold up at arm's length to cover the flag stick is not your finger but your golf club; and suppose also that someone is holding a screen in front of you so that you cannot see the ground.

If your master eye is the right eye, closing the left one will leave the flag stick still covered by the club. If you check by closing your right eye, the club will appear to stand off to the right of the flag stick. All this follows directly from following Leach's instructions for determining the master eye.

The screen is now taken away, and you realize that the green between you and the hole has a large "borrow".

If the Leach explanation is correct, the flag stick will now no longer be concealed by the club, but will magically move to one side or the other and reappear.

What the "plumb bob" technique will reveal (assuming that the golf club can be hung sufficiently accurately to give a true vertical) is whether the flat stick is leaning; and if the flag stick is perpendicular to the green, this will reveal any "borrow". But I doubt very much whether the orientation of flag sticks is sufficiently precise for this to work.

Yours in doubt,
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Camberley, Surrey.

Rugby union in decline

From Mr Colin Wallace

Sir, The recent surge of interest in American football in Europe is a warning of the decline taking place in the most spectacular of the various species of running football – rugby union.

Sadly, the administration of northern hemisphere (especially British) rugby union has long been in the hands of turgid types who are prepared to see the game reduced to the level of morris dancing rather than relinquish their outdated and irrelevant views.

These administrators believe that amateurism, empty wallets and bland presentation are the things that guard rugby union's code.

Quite the reverse. Advertising, payments to players and imaginative commercial promotion would attract the best talent and fill stadiums every Saturday (not just for internationals) with supporters. Such developments are not immoral. They simply provide nourishment which enhances the beauty of the product.

No, there is only one threat to rugby union, and that comes from administrators who worship the false gods of "bland taste" and "amateurism".

Yours sincerely,
COLIN WALLACE,
148 Harley Street, W1.

The Ruthin Stag

From the Rev C. Glynne-Jones

Sir, My grandmother often told me, when I was a child, of her uncle, Edward Roberts, who annually raced against a horse between Ruthin and Rhewl in the Vale of Clwyd, a distance of between two and three miles. The horse and rider had to jump the gates while he ran straight through. He always won. He was a professional athlete and earned the nickname of "The Ruthin Stag".

Yours faithfully,
C. GLYNNE JONES
Dunvant, Swansea.

Replacement for committee

From Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kirkwood

Sir, Simon Barnes's important article (August 4) begins with the words "The committee meeting is the worst decision-making device in the history of mankind". I was reminded of the finding of a Cambridge psychology colleague who made a close study of boardroom decisions. After one momentous resolution, passed unanimously, all the able participants agreed that the consensual compromise did not, in fact, reflect what, separately, they believed to be required.

God forbid that we abandon an institution at the heart of our imperfect democracy defended by Churchill. And Oxford's Wheare described Britain's constitution as government by committee. But we do also believe in democratic leadership and in times of crisis we allow special authority to leaders.

Might the army order group be what Simon Barnes, and England, are seeking as a model? All participants have a duty to be frank and informative but one person decides, and accepts the responsibility.

The article refers to committee muddling, a summer of changeableness, incoherence, and certifiable incompetence. The results on the battle, sorry cricket, field have been truly painful. We do seem to need three innings to the West Indians' one, as a correspondent suggests. But we do have the players of ability and fighting spirit. Might knowledgeable boards and committees entrust one team selector to heed opinions but then to be responsible, for a season say, or a tour, to choose the team.

Yours truly,
KENNETH KIRKWOOD,
233 Woodstock Road,
Oxford.

Faulty technique

From Mr Michael Chater

Sir, The weaknesses of England's batsmen on a good pitch at the Oval were exploited by the West Indian bowlers. They were also exposed by the television camera and noticed by experts such as Trevor Bailey.

To take just one example, Matthew Maynard's habit of moving his right foot back and then his left foot forward before the ball has arrived makes him particularly vulnerable to fast bowling, and one suspects was responsible for his dismissal in both innings.

It is surprising that a young player of great potential should have arrived in the highest class of cricket with such a basic technical flaw. With respect to that arch fidget, Derek Randall, all the best batsmen from Bradman to Graeme Hick have had one thing in common, stillness at the wicket until the stroke is made.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHATER,
3 Iverna Gardens, W8.

Singing the score

From Mr George Robertson

Sir, Mr Forrest comments (August 4) on the scoring in lawn tennis.

In one version of the game of pelota the scoring also goes 15, 30, 40, a kind of deuce, and game. This can surely be no coincidence. But which came first, lawn tennis or pelota?

The score in pelota is sung by the scorer after each point. Perhaps the Wimbledon authorities might like to consider such a procedure at the championships. It should be more pleasing to the ear than the grunts of Mr Connors, the bawling of Mr McEnroe and the occasional screams of Miss Navratilova.

May I suggest Sir Harry Secombe for the men's final?

Yours faithfully,
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RACING: BALDING'S IMPROVING FILLY HAS AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP WIDE-MARGIN CHEPSTOW VICTORY

Lady Rosanna set to stay one step ahead of the handicapper

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that win by 15 lengths at Chepstow three weeks ago, **Lady Rosanna** now looks a very good bet indeed to win the Violet Applin Challenge Cup at Salisbury today. She is my nap.

The explanation for that improved performance, albeit in a handicap for the first time, was the step up in distance, and when you take her pedigree into account — she is out of a mare by that great stayer Sagaro — that should come as no surprise.

This race represents Lady Rosanna's last chance to run off her old handicap mark, and even with her weight increased to 9st by a 4lb penalty, she is still 5lb better in than she would have been in a similar race at Wolverhampton on Saturday, for which she has been reassessed.

So with Seamus O'Gorman, who rode Lady Rosanna at Chepstow, again taking the mount and claiming 7lb my nap will never have a better chance of adding to her gains, especially as the handicapper ought to have the measure of the majority of her rivals who are much more exposed.

Today's meeting on the Wiltshire track can begin with **Rumoosh** atoning for that costly defeat at Yarmouth four weeks ago by winning the Upavon EBF Stakes, even though her opposition includes such useful fillies as Electric Lady, Divine Law and Oxide.

That run at Yarmouth where she finished last of three behind Casey and Upend was in stark contrast to her first at Nottingham, where she had won in the style of the good filly she has always looked to be on Newmarket Heath.

If she is to win this afternoon against fillies with better form Rumoosh will have to live up to the reputation which prompted her trainer Michael Stoute to talk of her as being capable of winning a group race before the season is out.

A disappointing turnout for the Whitchurch Stakes, bearing in mind the promise that it held after the four-day declaration stage, should see



Ian Balding: trains Lady Rosanna (Salisbury, 3.30)

Green Flag sustain Henry Cecil's impressive recent run with the two-year-olds that he has in his care at both Warren Place and Sefton Lodge.

However, a study of the form-book indicates that Adbaas, his runner for the Amesbury EBF Stakes may well be beaten by Luca Cumani's chosen representative **Samya's Flame**. The link between them is the filly White-Wash, who was beaten by Adbaas at Brighton in June but who beat Samya's Flame on much more advantageous terms at Newmarket since.

Gratclo, who beat the easy Goodwood winner Sign People at Lingfield, is taken to regain the winning trail in the Ogbourne Nursery now that she is racing over six furlongs again.

At Brighton recently Gratclo appeared to run out of steam when she was first beaten and then demoted a place over seven furlongs.

At Catterick, two of the handicaps on the programme could well be won by course specialists. I am referring to **Turmeric**, who will be going for his fifth win on the track in the Happy Birthday Australia Handicap, and **Storm Runner**, who will be hard to beat in the Port Jackson Handicap if he runs as well as he did at Goodwood where he finished fifth in the Stewards' Cup.

Not surprisingly, he failed to run up to that form when he was asked to reappear on the same course 24 hours later.

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 4.0 Awsaaf. CATTERICK: 6.0 Dobbs. 7.20 Mr Carbon.

Warning is Deauville favourite

Warning is the 5-4 favourite with City Index for the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville on Sunday (Michael Seely writes). Miesque, attempting to become the first horse for over 20 years to win the race in successive years, is 6-4, with Soviet Star at 3-1.

The remainder of yesterday's nine acceptors for the one-mile group one contest — which also include Persian Heights and Lapierre — are quoted at 40-1 and above. However, Persian Heights is expected to contest the International Stakes at York next week while Lapierre will probably wait for the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano, run over 10 furlongs, on Monday.

Two likely starters are Gabina, the 14-1 winner of the group two Prix d'Astarte, run over course and distance last Thursday, and Harmless Albatross, third in the same race.

Anyone contemplating a bet on Warning would be better advised to wait and bet at Pari Mutuel odds — the French equivalent of the Tote — on the day. Miesque is considered to be invincible by the French punters and Francois Boutin's filly is almost to start at odds on.

Backers who took 6-4 Miesque and 3-1 Soviet Star, in addition to Warning on the Pari Mutuel, might well be in position of finding himself in profit whichever of the three wins.

Klute completes preparation

By George Rae

Klute, officially the world's fastest horse, is enjoying an easy week in readiness for his race against So Careful in the Philip Cornes Match (World Speed Challenge) over five furlongs at Haydock Park tomorrow.

"I took him up the hills twice instead of his normal five times," his owner, Lesley Bruce, said yesterday. "Basically I just wanted to give him a blow because, let's face it, if he's not right now he never will be.

"I keep getting this awful feeling that he doesn't feel quite as bright as usual, but I think it's mainly my imagination," said Ms Bruce, who admits to suffering bouts of panic about the well-being of her nine-year-old as the big day approaches.

"I know the hot weather makes him a bit quiet and he had a fair amount of upheaval last week with so many people coming here to see us.

"That is by far my greatest fear," she went on, "that he is not 100 per cent on Friday. I'd know that something was wrong but who would ever believe me?"

Ms Bruce has been working hard on Klute's inexperience of racing out of starting stalls. He passed his stalls test without any difficulty at Haydock Park last Friday — when the match details were formally signed — and she has since put him through the gates again at Reg Hollinshead's Rugeley stable in company with an experienced racehorse.

"He was distracted by the other horse the first time," she said, "but after another couple of tries he was getting out on level terms. He's a quick learner and the stable lads who were watching us seemed quite impressed by the way he was getting the hang of things."

Ms Bruce has also just completed the task of making her own colours, which are yellow, with a dark green sash and yellow cap.

● City Index quote Klute at 7-2 with So Careful the 5-1 on favourite. "We opened up on Klute at 4-1 last Friday and there was plenty of interest to small sums at that price," spokesman Barry Beasley said yesterday.

SALISBURY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Rumoosh.	2.00 RUMOOSH (nap).
2.30 Tom Rum.	2.30 Mrs Pistol.
3.00 Green Flag.	3.00 Green Flag.
3.30 LADY ROSANNA (nap).	3.30 —
4.00 Samya's Flame.	4.00 Adbass.
4.30 Gratclo.	4.30 Singh 'N' Spirits.

By Michael Seely

3.00 GREEN FLAG (nap). 3.30 Lady Rosanna.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 ELECTRIC LADY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: high numbers best up to 1m**

2.0 UPAVON EBF STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,003: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

6	(5)	44-1021	DIVINE LAW 26 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-12	M Hills	96
7	(4)	414	ELECTRIC LADY 16 (F) (R Clifford-Turner) D Elsworth 8-12	S Cauthen	● 99
9	(2)	532	HUSH CHILD 52 (Hillfields Farming Co Ltd) R Akehurst 8-12	J Reid	91
12	(1)	231	OXIDE 21 (D,S) (M Wyatt) H Candy 8-12	W Newnes	83
14	(3)	13	RUMOOSH 28 (BF,D,F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-12	W R Swinburn	88

BETTING: 11-8 Electric Lady, 11-4 Divine Law, 9-2 Rumoosh, 5-1 Oxide, 16-1 Hush Child.

1987: BELLE POITRINE (13-8) S Cauthen 13-8 H Cecil 6 ran

FORM DIVINE LAW (8-7) beat Alleged Spirit (8-5) 5l at Ripon (1m 1f apprentice, £1,013, good, July 16, 4 ran). ELECTRIC LADY (8-7) 6l 4th to Chsomelow (8-10) at Goodwood (7f listed, £15,082, good to soft, July 26, 7 ran). HUSH CHILD (8-11) 2l 2nd to Samya's Flame (9-7) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f graduation, £959, good to firm, June 20, 6 ran). OXIDE (8-11) beat Bright-One (8-11) 5l at Chepstow (1m 2f mdn, £1,704, good to soft, July 21, 13 ran). RUMOOSH (8-11) beat Kintail (8-11) 3l at Nottingham (1m 2f graduation, £1,417, firm, June 13, 14 ran). Selection: DIVINE LAW

2.30 NETTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,505: 1m) (18 runners)

1	(3)	160600	SERGEANT MERYLL 22 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Moodie) P Howling 4-8-10	G Foster	89
2	(12)	50-0421	MRS PISTOL 28 (D,G) (D Allan) C Wall 4-9-4	W Litwin (3)	90
3	(7)	012123	NO JAZZ 23 (F) (M Soames) M Ryan 5-8-12	N Gwilliams (3)	84
4	(2)	0806	BAYNARD'S BLUE 24 (Mrs Y Eustace) A Hicks 4-8-10	D Ward (5)	97
6	(1)	3/-00445	ICE CHOCOLATE 24 (J Francome) P Cole 4-8-9	J Swift (5)	97
8	(10)	0-043	AVIONNE 31 (Mrs E Wood) R Hannon 3-8-9	R Perham (3)	89
15	(6)	50-0660	NOUNIYA 26 (HH Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-4	J Tate (5)	89
16	(16)	3-83400	SWALLOW BAY 34 (G) (Mrs T Parry) D Haydn Jones 4-8-4	G Athanasiou (5)	92
19	(15)	243320	SPARKFORD LAD 20 (B,CD,G,S) D Elsworth 6-8-3	Debbie Wheatley (3)	90
20	(9)	0-06000	PRIME PRINCE 24 (D,S) (R Kelly) D Hanley 4-8-3	—	95
21	(18)	080056	BOLD ARCHER 24 (D,F) (M Hammer) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-2	A Procter (3)	94
24	(5)	50-0010	ACHNAHUAIGH 24 (D,F) (A Stamp) J Bradley 4-7-13	S O'Gorman	93
25	(13)	000032	TOM RUM 15 (D,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 5-7-11	D Marshall	● 99
26	(11)	000523	TORRANCE 9 (B,BF,G) (Mrs M Bates) D Wilson 4-7-10	D Biggs (3)	96
27	(8)	5500/-00	FAST SERVICE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 9-7-9	—	—
28	(17)	55-6505	SNOWBALL DAVID 98 (B) (P Handan) W Carter 3-7-7	G Hind	87
29	(14)	00-4250	ROCKALONG 37 (Mrs O Lusty) J Fox 3-7-7	P D'Arcy	90
30	(4)	0-11306	SPORTING IDOL 28 (S) (A Merritt) T Jones 3-7-7	T Wilson (3)	94

Long handicap: Sporting Idol 7-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Tom Rum, 6-1 Mrs Pistol, No Jazz, 15-2 Avionne, 8-1 Sparkford Lad, 10-1 Sergeant Meryll, Ice Chocolate, 14-1 Nouniya, 16-1 others.

1987: COURT TOWN 4-8-9 A Boxhall (9-4 fav) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM MRS PISTOL (9-6) beat SPARKFORD LAD (8-6) a neck at Kempton (1m apprentice h'cap, £2,069, good, July 14, 9 ran). NO JAZZ (8-1) 1l 3rd to Glencroft (8-5) at Ayr (1m h'cap, £2,582, good to soft, July 19, 5 ran). ICE CHOCOLATE (8-11) 8¼l 5th to Masons Avenue (7-10) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f h'cap, £2,798, good to soft, July 18, 22 ran) with BOLD ARCHER (6-4) a short head 6th, ACHNAHUAIGH (8-9) and PRIME PRINCE (8-12) were unplaced. ACHNAHUAIGH (8-4) beat Good Point (9-0) ½l at Bath on penultimate start (1m 8yd seller, £1,069, firm, July 2, 18 ran). TOM RUM (8-7) 2½l 2nd to Good N Sharp (8-8) at Doncaster (1m h'cap, £3,070, good to firm, July 27, 13 ran). TORRANCE (7-7) 4½l 3rd to Hooray Lady (9-10) at Brighton (1m h'cap, £2,892, firm, Aug 2, 11 ran). Selection: TORRANCE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	5	10	50.0
M Stoute	5	17	29.4
G Harwood	21	80	26.3
J Tree	9	36	25.0
I Balding	16	97	16.5
P Cole	12	78	15.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	25	105	23.8
G Starkey	17	80	21.3
S Cauthen	12	68	17.6
W R Swinburn	5	30	16.7
M Roberts	4	26	15.4
R Cochrane	8	57	14.0

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3.0 WHITCHURCH STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,054: 7f) (6 runners)

3	(6)	31	ELZAEEM 44 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-2	DOUBTFUL	—
5	(5)	1	TATSFIELD 27 (G) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-2	Pat Eddery	81
6	(4)	121	GREEN FLAG 41 (D,F,S) (S Khaled) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
9	(2)	116	TIGANI 59 (C,F,S) (M Lemos) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	92
14	(1)	0	OTI 13 (A Bodle) G Harwood 8-8	G Starkey	—
16	(3)		RISLAN USA (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 10-11 Green Flag, 5-2 Tatsfield, 6-1 Tigani, 8-1 Oti.

1987: ACAJOU 9-0 J Reid (5-2) C Nelson 8 ran

FORM TATSFIELD (9-0) beat Terimon (9-0) a head at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,936, good, July 15, 19 ran). GREEN FLAG (9-1) beat Sterling Ace (9-1) 3l at Beverley (7f 100yd, £1,805, good to firm, July 1, 3 ran). TIGANI (8-12) 6¼l 6th to Jacamar (8-12) at Ascot (6f listed, £12,272, firm, June 16, 11 ran). OTI (9-0) 12¼l 9th to Regent Light (9-0) at Goodwood (7f mdn, £5,595, good to soft, July 29, 13 ran). Selection: GREEN FLAG

3.30 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£2,471: 1m 6f) (14 runners)

1	(6)	000400	TALUS 5 (D,F) (J & D Contract Cleaners Ltd) J Bosley 4-9-10	I Johnson	80
3	(1)	0262	LALITPOUR 10 (BF,S) (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-9-8	Pat Eddery	97
4	(14)	22340	AFALTOUN 12 (H Hopgood) R Hannon 3-9-3	B Rouse	88
5	(9)	03-5031	LADY ROSANNA 21 (S) (Mrs W P-Beynon) I Balding 3-9-0 (4ex)	S O'Gorman (7)	● 99
7	(10)	0-30400	ALACAZAM 10 (B,CD,F,G) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Spearing 6-8-8	R Cochrane	94
9	(11)	660-564	MO CERI 21 (Mrs H Macfarlane) D Elsworth 4-8-4	W Newnes	94
10	(12)	500103	PULSINGH 10 (C,G) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 6-8-1	T Williams	94
11	(4)	623262	HOLLY BROWN 21 (BF) (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-8-1	—	93
12	(3)	160/00-3	FLAMING PEARL 69 (C,F,G,S) (R Oldroyd) B Stevens 7-8-1	A Clark	88
14	(2)	61-0260	FIRE ROCKET 27 (F) (J Thompson) P Bailey 5-7-11	W Carson	96
17	(5)	0060-00	JOLLIENNE 17 (Mrs L Collins) S Woodman 4-7-7	N Carlisle	—
18	(8)	00-3060	QUEENS ROMANCE 40 (B Brown) B Stevens 3-7-7	D McKay	90
20	(7)	00000-0	BET OLIVER 19 (M Harrod) D Jermy 5-7-7	—	—
21	(13)	05-40	PICARIBO 36 (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 3-7-7	—	—

● Mo Ceri runs only if overnight rain

Long handicap: Jollienne 7-5, Queens Romance 7-5, Bet Oliver 7-1, Picaribo 7-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Lady Rosanna, 5-1 Lalitpour, 6-1 Fire Rocket, 10-1 Pulsingh, Holly Brown, 12-1 Afaltoun, 14-1 Mo Ceri, Alacazam, 16-1 others.

1987: CHUCKLESTONE 4-9-4 B Raymond (7-2) J King 15 ran

FORM LALITPOUR (9-7) 1l 2nd to Pour Encourager (8-2) at Wolverhampton (1m 6f 110yd h'cap, £2,670, good, July 1, 16 ran) with ALACAZAM (8-7) 1½l 8th and TALUS (9-9) 13th. AFALTOUN (9-13) over 30l 13th to Vayrua (10-4) at Newmarket (1m 4f amateur, £3,007, good, July 30, 23 ran). LADY ROSANNA (7-9) 15l winner from Glen Fintaig (7-7) at Chepstow (2m h'cap, £2,976, good to soft, July 21, 5 ran). PULSINGH (8-9) 3l 3rd to Jabaraba (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 4f h'cap, £1,380, firm, Aug 1, 6 ran). HOLLY BROWN (8-12) 15l 2nd to Bensa Ryder (8-9) at Chepstow (1m 4f apprentice h'cap, £1,721, good to soft, July 21, 17 ran) with MO CERI (8-12) 18l 4th. FLAMING PEARL (8-0) 10l 3rd to Parlezvouzfrancais (9-5) at Nottingham (1m 6f h'cap, £1,937, firm, June 3, 10 ran). Selection: LALITPOUR

4.0 AMESBURY ESF STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,402: 1m) (6 runners)

1	(1)	1-221	ADBASS 77 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	92
5	(6)	1213-0	AWSAAF 121 (B,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-4	M Roberts	90
9	(3)	0114	SAMYA'S FLAME 26 (BF,F) (Sheikh Al Maktoum) L Cumani 9-4	R Cochrane	97
12	(2)	113-362	SUNTRAP 44 (C,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-4	Pat Eddery	97
15	(4)	5322	JOHNS JOY 21 (R Bastian) D Elsworth 8-11	W Carson	● 99
21	(5)	0	COME ON MOTHER 117 (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 8-8	I Johnson	—

BETTING: 15-8 Adbass, 5-2 Samya's Flame, 4-1 Suntrap, 11-2 John's Joy, 9-1 Awsaaf, 50-1 Come On Mother.

1987: MONTFORT 9-1 B Raymond (6-4) W Jarvis 5 ran

FORM ADBASS (9-7) 2l winner from White-Wash (9-4) at Brighton (7f graduation, £5,403, firm, May 26, 9 ran). AWSAAF (8-9) over 8l 9th to Ghariba (8-9) at Newmarket (7f group III, £19,557, good, April 12, 10 ran). SAMYA'S FLAME (9-5) 4½l 4th to White-Wash (8-13) at Newmarket (1m 2f h'cap, £3,967, good to soft, July 16, 6 ran). SUNTRAP (8-4) 4l 2nd to Bin Shadded (9-5) at Newbury (1m, £4,854, good, June 28, 8 ran). JOHN'S JOY (9-0) ½l 2nd to Defence Policy (9-0) at Sandown (1m mdn, £2,507, good, July 21, 9 ran). Selection: ADBASS

4.30 OGBOURNE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,282: 6f) (7 runners)

1	(2)	13	SINGH 'N' SPIRITS 13 (BF,D,G) (IDV Wholesale Ltd) A Bailey 9-7	Pat Eddery	98
3	(4)	6115	ULTIMATE DREAM 18 (BF,F,S) (C Rogers) R Hannon 9-4	B Rouse	92
4	(7)	515	MARTINOSKY 26 (C,F) (D Clark) W Wightman 9-1	M Thomas	90
6	(3)	020213	GRATCLO 9 (D,G) (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-4	P D'Arcy	● 99
7	(5)	01	DIADEM DANCER 86 (D,G) (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 8-3	M Roberts	92
8	(6)	32500	MY AUDREES 14 (A Speake) P Mitchell 8-3	S O'Gorman (7)	96
9	(1)	044	LEVITT LADY 96 (C Johns) D Haydn Jones 7-13	N Adams	92

BETTING: 9-4 Gratclo, 7-2 Singh 'N' Spirits, 9-2 Martinosky, 6-1 Diadem Dancer, 13-2 Ultimate Dream, 12-1 My Audrees, 16-1 Levitt Lady.

1987: REFORMADO 8-9 B Thomson (16-1) P Walwyn 8 ran

FORM SINGH 'N' SPIRITS (7-8) 4l 3rd to Tanoda (7-5) at Thirsk (7f auction, £3,467, good to soft, July 29, 11 ran). ULTIMATE DREAM (8-11) 7l 5th to That's The One (6-12) at Goodwood (5f h'cap, £7,921, good to soft, July 26, 12 ran). MARTINOSKY (8-11) 17½l 6th to Stallaris (8-6) at Newbury (5f listed, £7,861, good, July 16, 7 ran). GRATCLO (8-6) beaten less than 1l into 3rd place behind Viva Suenos (8-5) at Brighton (7f h'cap, £7,726, firm, Aug 2, 10 ran). DIADEM DANCER (8-11) ½l winner from All Aflutter (8-6) at Lingfield (6f seller, £4,403, good, May 7, 17 ran). Selection: MARTINOSKY

6.50 CAPTAIN COOK NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,710: 6f) (12 runners)

3	(9)	464821	LONG ARM OF TH'LAW 22 (B,G) (E Geddes) W J Pearce 9-7	L Charnock	● 99
4	(7)	055240	LAMBOURN CITIZEN 16 (Al-Deera Bloodstock Holds Ltd) G Fytche 9-7	J Carter	88
5	(5)	1233	NOBLE HABITAT 17 (C,F) (Fahd Salman) Sir Mark Prescott 9-6	G Duffield	94
6	(1)	01	FOOLISH BEHAVIOUR 59 (F) (Mrs N Sutton) S Norton 9-4	J Lowe	92
7	(12)	543256	NORTHERN PRANCER 9 (F) (Quorn Bloodstock Agency Ltd) G Moore 9-0	—	95
8	(6)	623341	MY TOPIC 10 (B,G,S) (J K Brown) J Berry 8-9 (7ex)	J Carroll	88
9	(3)	432116	TAWNY 29 (BF,F) (E Buck) T D Barron 8-8	D Nicholls	89
10	(2)	132222	PACIFIC WAVE 3 (V,D,F) (Wentdale Const Ltd) Ronald Thompson 8-7	J Quinn (5)	97
11	(10)	302128	SUNNYSIDE JOHN 6 (S) (J Griffiths) Capt J Wilson 8-6	K Darley	96
12	(8)	040	DALESIDE LADYBIRD 103 (Daleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-3	S Whitworth	94
13	(4)	044105	MISCHIEVOUS TYKE 30 (D,G) (Alfred Smith) A Smith 7-13	P Dalton (7)	98
15	(11)	059405	EBOR NOVA 47 (I MacDonald) J Wainwright 7-7	G Sardwell (3)	90

Long handicap: Ebor Nova 7-1

BETTING: 4-1 Foolish Behaviour, 9-2 Tawny, 11-2 Pacific Wave, 13-2 Long Arm of Th'Law, 8-1 Noble Habitat, 10-1 My Topic, 14-1 Mischievous Tyke, Sunnyside John, 16-1 others.

1987: SNOWTHORPE 8-1 J Lowe (2-1) M W Easterby 8 ran

7.20 TATTERSALLS NEW HOMELAND MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,034: 7f) (12 runners)

1	(12)	0500	SAGLAWY 8 (Al-Deera Bloodstock Holdings Ltd) G Fytche 9-0	J Carter (5)	74
2	(4)	0	TWOTIME BID 50 (Mrs C Geraghty) Miss S E Hall 9-0	—	—
5	(2)	615	CAPITAL BUILDER 10 (M R Johnson) G Moore 8-11	K Fallon (5)	92
8	(6)	06455	SKY WATCHER 6 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 8-11	P dalton (7)	92
9	(11)	03	BETTER NOW 6 (M O'Horan) J Etherington 8-8	M Wood	96
12	(9)	50	FORMATION 16 (R Heaton) E Weymes 8-8	G Duffield	—
14	(7)	000	MR CARBON 6 (B) (F Carr) F Carr 8-8	S Morris	—
15	(10)	05	RULE BY FEAR 8 (Dennis Smith) D Murray-Smith 8-8	R Wernham	89
17	(1)	4	THRINTOFT 13 (W Swiers) T Barron 8-8	D Nicholls	● 99
18	(5)	65	ZUCCHINI 15 (Christopher Spence) M Morley 8-8	M Birch	92
19	(3)	564030	DOLER ROSA 8 (Arthur Williams) P Kelleway 8-6	Dean McKeown	96
20	(8)	003	TAYLOR'S REALM 8 (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 8-3	M Rimmer	94

BETTING: 9-4 Thrintoft, 100-30 Better Now, 6-1 Taylor's Realm, 8-1 Rule By Fear, 12-1 Zucchini, Capital Builder, 14-1 Sky Watcher, Doler Rosa, 20-1 others.

1987: NILGAI 8-3 R Fox (10-1) W Jarvis 13 ran

7.50 AUSTRALIAN BICENTENARY EBF STAKES (£1,970: 1m 5f 180yd) (3 runners)

1	(1)	5-20241	NON CONSTAT 9 (V,G) (Mrs Enid M Dunn) Denys Smith 4-9-5 (3ex)	D Nicholls	90
2	(3)	03/2534-	BROTHER PATRICK 459 (F) (G Mazza) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-4	R Cochrane	● 98
5	(2)	0231	CROWN SEAL 22 (C,G) (R Seagster) B W Hills 3-8-5 (2ex)	E Johnson	90

BETTING: 4-5 Brother Patrick, 13-8 Crown Seal, 5-1 Non Constat.

1987: JINXY JACK 3-8-5 D Nicholls (1-2 fav) R Fisher 4 ran

8.20 PORT JACKSON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,211: 6f) (13 runners)

3	(7)	613350	STORM RUNNER 15 (CD,F,G) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 9-7	J Carter (5)	● 99
5	(12)	002132	PELHAM PLACE 12 (B,G) (Mrs C M Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-5	D Nicholls	96
6	(4)	50-5030	DEE AND EM 16 (Mrs M Russell) W J Pearce 9-4	G Duffield	82
9	(8)	003030	LONG TIKI 6 (W Marshall) G Moore 9-1	K Fallon (5)	93
10	(10)	0-00143	AQUARIAN PRINCE 7 (V,BF,D,F) (Mrs Fay Toefy) R Casey 8-12	M Birch	90
11	(9)	3305-03	RAYS HONOR 27 (B) (George James Webb) J Etherington 8-10	K Darley	90
12	(7)	516331	PATS ORACLE 17 (B,D,F,S) (F W Gilks) J Berry 8-10	J Carroll	90
13	(6)	010010	KABCAST 23 (BF,G,S) (David Chapman) D Chapman 8-4	S Webster	87
15	(3)	004213	CLARE'S DELIGHT 12 (CD,G) (Jeremy C Barnes) B Morgan 8-0	C Hodgson (7)	82
16	(1)	253000	HOLDENBY 2 (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 8-0	S Whitworth	92
17	(11)	000308	MISS ALKIE 16 (J G Johnson) S Muldoon 8-0	A Munro (5)	84
18	(2)	004585	HAPPY CAVALIER 36 (B) (James Simpson) D Yeoman 7-13	—	90
19	(13)	000236	MOM SALLY 14 (G) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 7-13	L Charnock	88

BETTING: 7-2 Pelham Place, 5-1 Aquarian Prince, 6-1 Pats Oracle, Clare's Delight, 10-1 Storm Runner, Rays Honor, 12-1 Kabcast, 14-1 Mom Sally, Dee And Em, 16-1 others.

1987: NOT SO SILLY 9-10 R Carter (9-4) A Bailey 13 ran

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.00 Grafton Regis.	6.00 Grafton Regis.
6.25 Turmeric.	6.25 Turmeric.
6.50 Noble Habitat.	6.50 Noble Habitat.
7.20 Thrintoft.	7.20 Zucchini.
7.50 Brother Patrick.	7.50 Brother Patrick.
8.20 Storm Runner.	8.20 Aquarian Prince.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.20 Thrintoft.

Going: good to firm **Draw: low numbers best 5f-7f**

6.0 FIRST FLEET SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,050: 7f) (8 runners)

1	(2)	0040	BRAVE MELODY 8 (Mrs G Rees) Capt J Wilson 8-11	W Ryan	90
3	(8)	63400	DOBBIE 9 (B) (D R Hunnisett) M Morley 8-11	M Birch	93
4	(1)		ENTERPRISE PRINCE (E Lunness) Ronald Thompson 8-11	R P Elliott	—
5	(6)	2	GRAFTON REGIS 8 (Lady Henretta St George) Sir Mark Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	● 99
6	(5)	5	SWANK GILBERT 22 (P Simmonds) J Etherington 8-11	K Darley	—
7	(7)	046590	PAILIN 13 (Mrs M I Morley) T Fairhurst 8-6	S Whitworth	93
10	(4)	3000	QUORN DONA 6 (Quorn Bloodstock Agency Ltd) G Moore 8-6	J Bleasedale	94
11	(3)	30864	SPACEMATE GIRL 27 (Bloxwich Storage Systems Ltd) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	89

BETTING: 4-6 Grafton Regis, 7-1 Spacemate Girl, 8-1 Pailin, 10-1 Swank Gilbert, Brave Melody, 14-1 Dobbie, 16-1 others.

1987: SUGAR TOKEN 8-6 N Connorton (16-1) W Pearce 16 ran

6.25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUSTRALIA HANDICAP (£1,253: 1m 7f 180yd) (7 runners)

1	(1)	620113	TURMERIC 15 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Morley) M Morley 5-9-10	M Birch	93
3	(7)	562366	EUROCON 13 (C,G) (W Spink) T Barron 4-8-11	D Nicholls	94
4	(5)	0-00124	CLEAVERS GATE 13 (B,C,F) (K Stringer) J Watts 3-8-10	N Connorton	95
5	(6)	010025	HOLLY BUOY 5J (CD,F,G,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 8-8-10	K Darley	96
7	(4)	0P0264	LILARDIA 17 (F) (J David Abell) P Felgate 4-8-6	W Ryan	● 99
8	(2)	105605	MR TAYLOR 6 (F) (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 3-8-3	M Rimmer	98
11	(3)	04-0600	DUKE OF DOLLIS 6 (CD,F,G) (Bob Ritchie) W Storey 9-7-7	P Dalton (7)	—

Long handicap: Duke Of Dollis 6-10

BETTING: 5-2 Turmeric, 100-30 Cleavers Gate, 9-2 Holly Buoy, 6-1 Eurocon, 7-1 Lilardia, 8-1 Mr Taylor, 14-1 Duke of Dollis.

1987: AREA CODE 3-9-3 Dana Mellor (5-2) J Berry 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
B Hills	8	27	29.6
M Prescott	7	32	21.9
Miss L Siddall	3	14	21.4
Miss S Hall	10	47	21.3
J Berry	13	70	18.6
D Morley	10	61	16.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
E Johnson	3	7	42.9
G Bardwell	3	11	27.3
J Carroll	10	43	23.3
Dean McKeown	6	33	18.2
M Birch	26	150

ATHLETICS

Griffith-Joyner and Moses enhance Gateshead meeting

By Peter Nichols

There was a danger that the Dairy Crest Games at Gateshead on Sunday would be all but swallowed up in the aftermath of last weekend: the crash, bang, wallop of the Olympic trials being a very difficult act to follow.

To begin with, it did not appear likely that vast numbers of the Olympic team would want another domestic outing so soon, and the provisional billing of Great Britain versus Hungary was hardly enough to make athletics buffs weak-kneed with anticipation.

However, the athletes have turned out in good numbers to support the event and over a third of the Olympic squad will be at Gateshead, including the likes of Colin Jackson, Derek Redmond and Kriss Akabusi.

To the deference of their considerable talents, though, they will not be the first reason why the Dairy Crest Games has suddenly assumed such significance. A year ago Florence Griffith was probably better known for the length of her fingernails than for her sprinting, even though she was good enough to have earned a 200 metres silver medal in the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Last October she married the Olympic triple jump champion, Al Joyner, and last month Griffith-Joyner made the most explosive impact on the athletics world this summer when she ran 100 metres in a world record of 10.49sec in the United States Olympic trials at Indianapolis.

Griffith-Joyner's presence in Gateshead will be as part of an international select team that also includes the insuperable Ed Moses in the 400 metres hurdles.

It is fitting that Britain's three junior Olympians, Jo Jennings, Stewart Faulkner and Fiona May, should also be at the meeting. The sponsor, Dairy Crest, has provided much of the financial backbone for the junior team and to its credit seemed to take an almost parental delight in the successes.

May, the world junior champion, and Faulkner, both long jumpers, have obvious targets for the weekend: Faulkner to surpass 8.00 metres and May to capture Bev Kinch's British record of 6.90 metres.

Judy Oakes, Britain's No. 1 shot putter, who has boycotted the domestic subvention meetings this summer in dissatisfaction of the £300 payment offered to her, has made her point. Oakes, who has twice broken her own British record in the past fortnight, will double her money at Gateshead, earning £600 to appear at the meeting.

Lewis meets Johnson but not on the track

Sestriere, Italy (Reuter) — Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson top the bill at a high-altitude meeting in the Italian Alps today, but will not be meeting on the track.

Johnson, the world champion and record holder for 100 metres, who returned from a hamstring injury with an impressive 9.90sec wind-assisted run in the Canadian championships last Saturday, takes on two Americans, Dennis Mitchell and Joe DeLoach.

Lewis, the quadruple Olympic champion, will run in the 200 metres, for which he has clocked 19.99sec this season, and his strongest challenge is likely to come from his fellow-Americans, Calvin Smith and Floyd Heard.

Pietro Mennea, of Italy, who, at 36, holds the world record of 19.72sec for 200 metres, has pulled out of the meeting, saying he wanted to run instead last night in Grosseto, where he started a comeback last year.

Lewis has warned he is not out to break any records on the new track, which is more than 2,000 metres above sea-level at the modern Italian ski resort near the French border.

"I've not come to Sestriere looking for a great time . . . I'm not ruling it out, but it will be difficult at this stage of the season and because I'm still suffering a bit from jet lag," he said.

Dismissing Johnson's predictions of an easy victory when the two meet in Seoul in September, Lewis said: "He fears me just as much as I fear him. There's great respect between competitors such as us. Only the direct challenge at Seoul will decide who is the best."

The meeting starts in the late morning to avoid the high winds that sweep the resort in the early evening.

CRICKET



Opening out: Tim Curtis, relieved from facing West Indies, led Worcestershire from the front with a sound 74 in the NatWest Trophy semi-final against Hampshire yesterday

Yorkshire batsmen provide an example for England

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won the toss): Yorkshire have made 297 for five against Sri Lanka

England's disillusioned batsmen will hope to fare as well as did Yorkshire's when the Sri Lankans play the only Test match of their short tour but cricket's youngest nation showed signs that they are rapidly coming to terms with English conditions.

Nine of the likely players for Lord's were on show yesterday and Ahangama, using right-arm medium pace, proved the best of the four seam-up bowlers. Ratnayeke, a veteran of 19 Tests and Labrooy, performed well within themselves.

Yorkshire, in the shape of Moxon and Sharp, batted with an excellence and freedom of shot they have rarely shown this summer and their 237-run stand in 56 overs was the best by a Yorkshire pair against a touring team since Hutton and Lowson made 286 together against South Africa at Sheffield in 1951.

It came after Byas, the left-hander, was out to a ball which whipped across him. The twentieth century of Moxon's career relied heavily on superb cover driving which brought the majority of his 16 boundaries, three of them off Ahangama in one over. He added a booked six off Ratnayeke and thoroughly re-established a reputation, tarnished, like so many others, by the West Indians.

He had batted a little under four hours when Ahangama, who has taken 18 Test wickets in under two years, beat him off the pitch. The same bowler hit Sharp's off stump after the left-hander had completed his first 100 for two years from 208 balls, again with 16 boundaries.

Robinson played a poor shot to give Silva another catch behind but the wicketkeeper's third, after a dive to the left for an edge from Nicholson, was a beauty. Nicholson was one of five Yorkshire players of little or no experience in a team restricted by injury to its seam bowlers. Jarvis, a long-term absentee with back trouble, Sidebottom (groin), Fletcher (back) and Hartley (ankle) were all missing with Anderson, a fast bowler from the Bradford League, making his first-class debut.

Of the seven bowlers used, only two, Madurusinghe and Tillekeratne, were spinners, but the injured Rajadurai is reputed to be a high-class leg-spinner who will be aged 23 on the eve of receiving what could be his first cap.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon lbw b Ahangama	132
D Byas c Silva b Ratnayake	4
K Sharp b Ahangama	126
P E Robinson c Silva b Ahangama	0
N G Nicholson c Silva b Ahangama	15
†R J Blakey not out	5
C S Pickles not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 4)	10
Total (5 wkts)	297

*P Carrick, S J Dennis, P A Booth and P Anderson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-248, 3-250, 4-287, 5-292.

BOWLING: Ratnayeke 16-1-61-1; Labrooy 13-0-71-0; Ahangama 16.1-2-51-4; Samarasekera 5-1-21-0; Ranatunga 4-0-12-0; Madurusinghe 26-6-61-0; Tillekeratne 2-0-14-0.

SRI LANKANS: D S B P Kuruppu, †S A R Silva, *R S Madugalle, A Ranatunga, L R D Mendis, H P Tillekeratne, J R Ratnayake, R Madurusinghe, F S Ahangama, M A R Samarasekera, G F Labrooy.

Umpires: N T Plews and D O Oslear.

WEST INDIES TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	Ct/St
R A Harper	12	13	5	622	217*	1	4	77.75	21
C G Greenidge	11	16	1	762	111	3	4	50.80	6
P J L Dujon	12	16	4	601	141	1	5	50.08	32
K L T Arthurton	10	13	3	499	121	2	2	49.90	8
D L Haynes	14	23	4	903	156	1	7	47.52	6
A L Logie	13	18	4	585	95*	-	3	41.85	9
I V A Richards	13	16	1	624	128	1	5	41.60	9
C L Hooper	14	20	1	625	87	-	5	32.89	9
M D Marshall	9	10	1	289	76	-	2	32.11	3
C E L Ambrose	13	15	3	278	59	-	1	23.16	1
D Williams	8	10	1	182	51	-	1	20.22	11/1
R B Richardson	10	14	0	279	82	-	1	19.92	9
I R Bishop	8	6	2	56	23	-	-	14.00	1
B P Patterson	9	7	2	50	23*	-	-	12.00	1
C A Walsh	9	7	3	31	9*	-	-	7.75	-
W K M Benjamin	10	10	4	102	21*	-	-	17.00	6

Also batted: P V Simmons (1 match) 53*
* denotes not out

Bowling

	Over	Mid	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
M D Marshall	245.4	58	553	42	7-22	3	13.16
W K M Benjamin	183.1	44	457	33	4-20	-	14.15
I R Bishop	142.0	30	406	21	6-39	2	19.33
C E L Ambrose	329.1	86	733	35	4-27	-	20.94
R A Harper	227.3	70	521	21	4-10	-	24.80
B P Patterson	196.0	29	632	25	5-39	1	25.28
C L Hooper	106.1	16	303	9	3-61	-	33.66
C A Walsh	232.2	55	622	18	5-49	1	34.55
K L T Arthurton	27.1	8	80	2	2-1	-	40.00
I V A Richards	45.4	10	122	3	2-1	-	40.66
R B Richardson	4.0	0	22	0	-	-	-

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

BASKETBALL

Lack of a sponsor takes champions to brink of closure

By Nicholas Harling

The precarious and near-farcical state of the British game was further underlined this week by the crisis facing Portsmouth, the Carlsberg League champions, who having moved to Reading during the summer, now await almost certain closure.

The club, whose future looked so bright when it completed a successful defence of the league title last February, has spent the summer in limbo, not knowing whether it would continue, and if so, where. Unless a big sponsor able to guarantee an annual sum of roughly £100,000, is found by early next month, the new season will begin without the top club.

The predicament arose following the resignation of John Deacon, the chairman, aged 76, yesterday. Deacon retired as chairman of Portsmouth Football Club at the end of last season, when the club's relegation from the first division and subsequent acrimony from supporters left him such a bitter man that he completely cut his ties with the city.

After John Gregory had succeeded him as chairman of the football club, Deacon seemed eager to pull the basketball club out of town for reasons of "market forces." Basingstoke and Swindon were considered before Deacon chose Reading.

Since then, Deacon, a diabetic, has also suffered from high blood pressure and a burst blood vessel in his eye. He took his doctor's advice to take things more easy and will also step down as chairman of the National Basketball League, but hopes to stay involved in in the game.

Deacon's flirtation with basketball began nearly four years ago when he bought the franchise of the striken Telford club and moved it to the South Coast. He brought in a host of top players and a celebrated coach, Danny Palmer, who has since been succeeded by Dan Lloyd, under whom both league titles were won.

Lloyd said yesterday: "I don't know how close they are to finding a sponsor but it does look like the last nail is to be put in the coffin. It's very disappointing to be involved with a team that wins the league twice running and then is not even in existence. It doesn't reflect very well on English basketball. A club should not have to rely on one person like that."

POLO

Clubs to welcome returning talent

By John Watson

The Hurlingham Polo Association, the ruling body of the British game, will find out tomorrow the effects of its decision to lift the ban, imposed at the time of the Falklands war, on Argentinian players.

The stewards of the association decided to leave it to individual clubs whether or not Argentinians should be allowed places in their teams. Tomorrow is the deadline for club representatives throughout the world to express their views.

The last obstacle to lifting the ban was the involvement of the Prince of Wales, the figurehead of British polo but also the Colonel of the Welsh Guards, whose first battalion suffered as badly as any in the South Atlantic war. For some time the Prince has taken the view that the exclusion should be ended.

Some of the high-goal — and medium-goal — team organizers have been booking players for 1989. Simon and Claire Tomlinson, for example, have lined up Hector Crotto for Los Locos next season, and Lord Cowdray intends to include an Argentinian in his squad.

The ending of the ban will stiffen competition among the world's high-goal players for places in teams in this country. England is widely regarded as the most enjoyable place to play during the summer. The Argentinians are mostly rich men who would support British teams for modest fees above their expenses.

Patrons will favour them for another reason: most play at a standard above their nominated handicaps. There is little doubt, therefore, that some players from South America, the United States, New Zealand and others who have been demanding large remuneration here, will lose their places.

American polo has benefited enormously during the last six years and stands to lose correspondingly by the lifting of the ban. The names, Pieres, Garrahan, Merlos, Heguy, Guerrico, Bourdieu and Cernadas are among those that may soon be familiar again at British clubs.

There is sure to be a slight increase in the number of high-goal and medium-goal tournament entries next year. There will also be some increase in the number of Argentinian ponies coming into this country. For although the ponies might fetch higher prices in the United States, most Argentinians who participate here will wish to bring over ponies of their choice, and sell them at the close of the season.

BOWLS

Strong-arm tactics pay dividends

By Gordon Allan

Summertown, of Oxford, won the Woolwich EBA fours championship at Worthing yesterday by beating Paddington 15-14.

The Paddington club have won this title once, in 1938. Summertown were runners-up in 1983. This time Summertown were represented by Steve Beackon (lead) Chris Quainton (No. 2) Chris Allen (No. 3) and their skip, Gary Harrington, who made his England debut at Larne this summer.

It was nip and tuck from first bowl to last. Every shot had to be earned. Summertown seemed to have the edge for much of the time and led 14-10 with three ends to play.

Paddington (Chris Hooper, Bob Middleton, Gerry Smyth and Steve Halmai) made it 15-12 with one end left. The twentieth had been the most widespread of the match but Harrington somehow got the shot.

On the 21st Allen trailed the jack through to Summertown bowls at the back. Smyth drew the shot for Paddington; Halmai drew a second but was a fraction wide and heavy with the last delivery of the game. If it had counted, an extra end would have been necessary. Summertown fists punched the air in elation.

The last end of the semi-final between Paddington and Hatfield had to be replayed. With Jack Chapman, the Hatfield skip, having put a bowl on the jack, effectively tying the scores 17-17, Halmai, playing with weight, moved the jack just off the rink. Paddington scored two at the second attempt.

That match lasted nearly four hours, much longer than Summertown's 19-11 defeat of Preston Manor. The Oxford rink were rarely in trouble and, when they were, could usually depend on Harrington's strong arm tactics to get them out of it.

RESULTS: Fours: Semi-finals: Summertown (Oxford) 19, Preston Manor (Brighton) 11; Paddington 19, Hatfield 16. Final: Summertown 15, Paddington 14.

HOCKEY

Batchelor revives British fortunes

From Sydney Friskin
Amsterdam

Great Britain	2
Soviet Union	1

A splendid goal by Sean Kerly six minutes from time enabled Great Britain to snatch victory from the Soviet Union in the five nations' tournament for the BMW Trophy here yesterday.

With time running out and the teams level at 1-1, Britain's flagging forward line needed resuscitation. In came Batchelor, in place of Bhaura on the right wing, and he immediately set the match alight. Although the final pass was made by Leman, it was Batchelor who achieved the breakthrough.

It was a good enough result for Britain against a tough side. In the absence of the injured Grimley, Potter played at left half. But where he played did not really seem to matter. He was as cool and resolute as ever.

The British defence survived an early Russian offence with Pappin taking over from Taylor in goal and saving well from Bukatin's strong hit at their second short corner. Kerly's early forays, with Sherwani in support, unsettled the Russian defence. Between them they earned Britain's short corner from which Barber's shot was stopped by Vladimir, the goalkeeper, and Pleshakov.

In the 26th minute Britain went ahead from a scheme well laid by Faulkner, whose long hit sped to Kerly. As two Russian defenders converged on him he diverted attention by passing to the unmarked Dodds who drove home a perfect shot. Three minutes later Davydov scored from a pass by Ajrapetyan, his quick shot flashing past Pappin. As half-time approached the Russian goalkeeper made a stick save off Kerly.

In the second minute after the interval there was another short corner from Britain and once again Vladimir saved off Barber. Then began a period of Russian ascendancy until Batchelor arrived to transform the situation. Britain play Spain today.

GREAT BRITAIN: V Pappin; D Faulkner, P Barber, R Garcia, R Dodds (capt), J Potter, K S Bhaura (sub: S Batchelor), R Leman, S Kerly, J Kirkwood (sub: R Clift), I Sherwani.
SOVIET UNION: V Pleshakov (capt); I Jultshiev, V Chechenev, W Antakov, M Bukatin, A Miasnikov (sub: O Chandaev), V Deputatov, S Ajrapetyan, L Latschugin (sub: S Chatkovski), S Pleshakov, I Davydov.
Umpires: R Lathouwers (Netherlands), A de Vecchi (Italy).

FOOTBALL

Poor clubs kept in suspense

By Steve Acteson

Impoverished Football League clubs who fear that the compulsory introduction of a national supporters identity card system could bankrupt them, will have to wait until at least next month before they learn the hard facts of the matter.

The Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, yesterday attended a second session of the working party ordered to be set by the Prime Minister in early July to dicuss the suitability of the various membership schemes, but no comment or statement was released last night over the business of the day.

A Press spokesman last night said that Moynihan was now away on holiday — "but there should be another meeting sometime between his return on September 1 and September 10.

Cricketing Londoner nets top Welsh job

When the Football Association of Wales acrimoniously parted company with its part-time manager, Mike England, last season, the former Tottenham Hotspur player was receiving only £10,000 a year after eight years service (Steve Acteson writes).

Yesterday, the FAW appointed Malcolm Stammers, a Londoner with a background in county cricket, as marketing and promotions executive, on twice the salary.

Stammers, aged 36, whose position is full-time, was commercial manager with Middlesex County Cricket Club before moving on to Essex, where he occupied the post of deputy secretary/manager.

His brief is to transform the financial fortunes of the poverty-stricken FAW, which appointed the Swansea City manager, Terry Yorath, as part-time manager of the national side after failing in a bid to engage the Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough.

Alun Evans, the FAW secretary, was unavailable for comment yesterday after releasing the following statement: "The Association is delighted to welcome Mr Stammers, whose role will be to increase the association's revenue, a long-term process vital to our future."

● Having successfully fought a Football Association ban to allow this weekend's Festival of Soccer even to take place, Wembley are so far disappointed with the advance ticket sales.

Only 25,000 tickets of the all-seated capacity of 59,000 have so far been sold for Saturday's fare when Arsenal play Tottenham Hotspur, Paul Gascoigne *et al* at 1.30 before the Ruud Gullit-inspired AC Milan tackle Bayern Munich two hours later. Only one ticket is required for both matches.

Sunday has attracted 5,000 fewer punters thus far but Wembley believes demand will pick up quickly over the next few days. A spokesman said: "We would have expected to have sold more tickets at this stage, especially in view of the quality of players who will be taking part.

"But we confidently expect a rapid surge of interest towards the weekend."

TENNIS

Shriver's summer of discontent continues

From Barry Wood, Los Angeles

Pam Shriver's miserable summer continued when she was defeated 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 by a fellow-American, Amy Frazier, aged 15, in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. The No. 2 seed's latest setback follows the surrender of two or her titles, at Edgbaston and Newport, and throws into doubt her ability to retain her Canadian Open title next week.

Frazier's victory was well deserved. She is a strong girl, and was able to move the ball, herself and her perplexed opponent around beautifully. She also returned well off Shriver's serve and hit her ground strokes consistently well throughout the match.

She also had the mental strength to overcome two breaks of serve and a 3-0 deficit in the final set.

"She came up with the big shots at the right time," Shriver said. "I've seen about thirty young girls play that way over the years and who knows if she has the little something special to rise to the top.

"One win over someone who is struggling a bit at the moment doesn't do it, but she has definitely got some potential and seems to be calm under pressure which is a key ingredient."

VOLLEYBALL

No Prince for England

Sandra Prince, the influential Sale hitter, will be missing from England's senior women's squad for the Hanover invitation tournament which begins in West Germany on August 26 (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

Prince has had an operation on both knees and may not be ready for the new season in September. Otherwise, the England squad is much as expected

ENGLAND SQUAD: D Sedgwick, J Smith, N Fowler, R Roberts (all Sale), K Gosling, M Gilbert (both Ashcombe), J Smith (Britannia), W Gate (Dragonara Leeds), D Bonner (Portsmouth), A Glover (Birmingham).

SNOOKER

No entry fear for Franciscos

By Steve Acteson

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the sport's governing body, was thrown into a quandary last night by reports that the Canadian Government will refuse visas to South Africans who qualify for the new ranking tournament, the Canadian Masters, which is scheduled to be held in Toronto from October 26 to November 5.

The ruling follows an anti-apartheid policy statement made on July 29 by Joe Clark, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and a former Prime Minister, which said: "Effective immediately, individuals travelling on South African passports and seeking entry into Canada to participate in a sporting event or activity will be denied visas."

The ruling affects all sports whose members appear on either of the anti-apartheid blacklists. Snooker players appear on both.

The WPBSA is urgently seeking written confirmation from Canada House in London, but must now formulate a clear policy over the issue, for it fears similar problems from the Belgian Government over the European Open, scheduled to be held there next winter. The WPBSA constitution clearly states that approved tournaments must be open to all its members.

Qualifying rounds for both tournaments take place in Blackpool next month with at least five South Africans, including the world No. 12, Silvino Francisco, and his nephew, Peter, ranked fourteenth, in the field. Both players are domiciled in England but last month played an unofficial snooker international series in South Africa against the British players, Rex Williams and Cliff Wilson.

South Africans have been banned from international amateur snooker and billiards by the world body for amateurs, the International Billiards and Snooker Federation, since 1976.

BOXING

Gold hope gets his sponsor

By Jonathan Rendall

Henry Akinwande, the British Olympic heavyweight whose plight was recorded in *The Times*, is to have the cost of his preparations paid by a London-based financial company.

Akinwande, like the rest of the British Olympic team, had received a training grant from the Sport Aid Foundation but, unlike others, had been unable to organize private sponsorship. When his social security payments were suspended because of his commitments with the Olympic squad, Akinwande had to rely on handouts from his club, Lynn AC of Camberwell, and the local community.

But now, Charles Meaden, a director of Olympic Gold Financial Services, and John Hollins, his associate and the former manager of Chelsea Football Club, have contributed £2,500 to Akinwande's final preparations in the hope that the Londonder can return from Seoul with a medal to match their company's name.

Meaden, a former Olympic luge rider, said yesterday: "I read the article in *The Times* and I thought it was a shame that there are 22-year-olds running around with that kind of ability but who aren't given the support they need."

Akinwande, who leaves for Seoul on September 6, said: "Everything will be all right now. I can concentrate on training and hopefully bring back the gold."

Officials from Lynn are delighted with the sponsorship. Keith Walters, the club secretary, who will be travelling to Seoul as a spectator, said: "It takes an awful lot of pressure off him. He's laughing now, and he hasn't laughed for weeks."

Akinwande, who has won 50 out of 54 bouts, is regarded as having an outside chance for a medal in a division which looks wide open, especially after the defeat two weeks ago of the Dutch favourite, Arnold Vanderlijde, at the hands of a Cuban, Felix Savón.

Long haul back

Chris Arkwright, the St Helens forward who developed arthritis after a routine knee operation in May, will be out of action until Christmas. Arkwright lost more than three stones.

EVENING RACING

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

5.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1. Ruling Dynasty (P Scudamore, Evens fav); 2. Solstice Bell (4-1); 3. Baby Sigh (14-1). 7 ran. R O'Sullivan. 1¼l, 7l. Tote: £1.60; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.23.

6.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1. Lord It Over (G Bradley, 11-4); 2. Prince Mac (9-1); 3. Its Been Rumoured (6-1). Its A Battle 2-1 fav. 6 ran. J Jenkins. 1l, 15l. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £4.70. DF: £15.30. CSF: £22.37.

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FISHING

Rivers of progress reach a filter for pollution

By Conrad Voss Bark

In the past three years the Government has shown more interest in cleaning up our rivers than any government in the last 40. This is due to pressure: from the European Commission, from Norway on acid rain, from public opinion, from the creation of an Inspectorate of Pollution and from a Secretary of State for the Environment, Nicholas Ridley, who happens to be a fly fisherman.

Fisherman and scientist are at one in knowing just how bad pollution has become in the last 10 years, affecting not only fish but people. Last month in Cornwall, many people suffered unpleasant effects from drinking contaminated tap water. At the same time 30,000 young salmon and sea trout in the River Camel died from poisoning. There has been a public inquiry into the cause.

The fight against pollution, whether of drinking water or of fish, comes up against an age-old human belief which is part of the sub-conscious: that rivers exist to carry away dirt and rubbish, anything from sewage to bedsteads to chlorine and detergents. This is the thinking behind the issue last month by the Department of the Environment of what they call "a red list" which lists 28 toxic substances, used by factories and farms, which pollute water.

This is only a beginning. Nicholas Ridley knows this full well. It will take years to prevent or limit effluent of harmful substances from factories and farms adjacent to rivers. There will be consultations, arguments and no doubt bitter opposition from some of the new public water companies to their sewage disposal plans.

However, there will soon be a National Rivers Authority working with the Institute of Pollution moving towards the goal of clean rivers. By the late 1990s rivers could be a little cleaner than they are in the late 1980s.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Tucker takes slim lead

Andrew Tucker won the Klondike Aggregate Cup at the Canadian championship in Ottawa yesterday, taking the lead in the race towards the Canadian grand aggregate (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

Tucker scored 449 out of 455, two ahead of Arne Sorenson, of Canada, and Roger Mundy, a former civil service champion. Two points back is Jeremy Langley, aged 20, from Exeter.

RESULTS: Connaught Prize (300 and 600yds): (after tie): 1, I Annand (GB); 2, P Chapman (GB cadets); 3, J Langley (GB), all 100/50. City of Ottawa: (300 and 800m): (after tie): 1, P Wampfler (Can); 2, A Marion (Can); 3, A Tucker (GB), all 100. Ottawa Regiment Trophy: (800m): (after tie): 1, A Yerlow (Can); 2=, A Flinger (GB), Tucker, all 75. Alexander of Yonks: (900m): 1, N Tolbert (Can), 50; 2=, P Medhurst (GB), A Sorenson (Can), 49. Klondike Agg Cup: 1, Tucker 448; 2=, Sorenson, Mundy, 447.

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GOLF

Ballesteros to lead European attack on a US stronghold

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Edmond, Oklahoma

Not even the absence of Sandy Lyle can dilute the fear among the Americans that the seventieth US PGA Championship, which begins here today on the Oak Tree Course, will for the first time fall into the hands of European golf.

Severiano Ballesteros is the favourite and with Ken Brown, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam also competing, there is a real possibility that the American dominance of this championship, broken since the war only by the South African, Gary Player, and the Australian, David Graham, will be challenged.

Even a sudden change in the weather, with a series of thunderstorms clearing the air, have rescued the European challengers from the prospect of playing in temperatures in excess of 100° F, although the humidity is expected to rise again into the 90s.

Yet the story of the major championships this year is one of European superiority, even if Faldo did lose the US Open in a play-off to Curtis Strange. Either side of that valiant effort came the victory by Lyle at Augusta and the success of Ballesteros in the Open Championship.

The Americans are mystified by Lyle's decision not to compete, which I understand may have something to do with the fact that his sister is getting married on Saturday. Even so, it would appear that Lyle indicated to her several months ago that she could pencil that date into the diary.

Jack Nicklaus, who is attempting at the age of 48 and seven months to become the oldest winner of this championship, said: "I can't believe Sandy is not here. But he's always kind of lived his own life and done his own deal."

Greg Norman insisted: "Sandy most definitely should be playing. I simply cannot comprehend why he should choose to pass up the possibility of winning two majors in the same year."

Norman, by accident rather than design, has not been able to challenge for either of the last two major championships. He injured his wrist playing a shot during the US Open in June.

"It has been a long and frustrating seven weeks," he said. "I really felt bad when I saw the tee times for the Open Championship in the local paper in Florida. I took off to the Bahamas to get away from everything and I didn't know the result until four days after the Open finished. The trouble was that I started dreaming about golf which is something I've never done before."

Norman believes that following a week of practice assisted by Phil Rodgers, who has often coached Nicklaus, that he can win a championship which was cruely taken away from him in 1986 when Bob Tway holed a bunker shot at the 18th.

To do so would require a supreme achievement and Nicklaus, who often suggests that the Australian is the man to beat, has on this occasion opted to side with Ballesteros.

"I think that this course is made for Seve," Nicklaus said.

Meanwhile, Ballesteros, apart from suggesting the championship be moved to May, is calling for a referendum amongst the players and sponsors to seek a reduction from 15 to 12 on the number of tournaments in which a player must compete to retain his playing privileges on the US Tour.

The only way that is likely to happen is if Deane Beman, the commissioner for the tour, gives his approval. Ballesteros will be better concentrating on winning this championship. It will not be easy with players like Paul Azinger, Fred Couples, Lanny Wadkins, David Frost and Mark McNulty challenging him.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	441	4	10	379	4
2	392	4	11	468	4
3	584	5	12	445	4
4	200	3	13	149	3
5	590	5	14	453	4
6	377	4	15	434	4
7	440	4	16	479	5
8	171	3	17	200	3
9	386	4	18	429	4
Out	3,581	36	In	3,434	35

Total yardage: 7,015 Par: 71

CYCLING: BRITAIN'S BEST IN HECTIC SPRINT FINISH OVER COBBLED STREETS OF MANCHESTER



Climbing frames: riders struggle on one of the inclines between York and Halifax yesterday

McLoughlin holds off Elliott to close gap at front

By Peter Bryan

Joey McLoughlin yesterday won the deciding sprint between the country's two top tour riders at the end of the second stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain. He and Malcolm Elliott, the race leader, drew clear of a group of 30 only 100 yards from the finish in Manchester, and provided a thrilling finish on the cobbled straight.

With their handlebars almost locked together, the pair bumped and bounced over the uneven surface, Elliott keen to take the winner's bonus of 10sec and McLoughlin equally determined to reduce the 25sec advantage that Elliott held when the stage started in York.

McLoughlin, the winner of the event last year, had sat waiting for the right moment to strike during the five one-mile circuits which ended the race. Elliott's team colleagues, Stephen Roche, the world champion, Sean Yates and Robert Millar, were at the front of the group, keeping the speed high to reduce the success of any counter-attacks. Elliott was content to move forward a place every lap, but it was McLoughlin who took the initiative at the penultimate corner.

To complicate the run up to the sprint finish, the leaders were impeded by a small bunch of riders which had just arrived on the circuit. As McLoughlin made his effort Elliott was quick to respond, but McLoughlin just held on to win, by inches – and take the 10-second bonus. Elliott benefited by eight seconds, Jon Clay, in third, by six, and Nick Barnes, in fourth, by four.

Elliott held on to his race leader's yellow jersey which he had won by taking both the prologue time trial and the first stage on Tuesday. McLoughlin remained in second place overall and drew slightly closer to Elliott by virtue of superior sprint bonuses.

That a group of some 30 riders remained together at the finish was a tribute to a standard of riding that was put to the test by four hard climbs along the route which included the highest, Holme Moss, at 1900 feet, and the hardest, Shibden Wall which rose, in places, at a gradient of 1 in 3 and included a bone-jarring cobbled stretch of 1000 yards. Shibden came at 58 miles and Holme Moss 22 miles further on.

Dave Mann had the longest and loneliest ride of the day, going clear on his own and staying away for 44 miles when, slipping his gears, he went off the road on the early climb of Holme Moss. He remounted but was absorbed by his chasers who he had led at one time by nearly three minutes.

RESULTS (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, J McLoughlin (Z-Peugeot), 5hr 17min 45sec; 2, M Elliott (Fagor), 5:17:45; 3, J Clay (PMS-Dawes); 4, N Barnes (PMS-Dawes); 5, S Kelly (KAS); 6, W Williams (Bel, ADR); 7, J Kershaw (Michelin Hi-Lites); 8, C Walker (Raleigh-Banana); 9, N Szostak (Bel, ADR); 10, S Roche (Fagor), all same time. Teams: Z-Peugeot. Overall positions: 1, Elliott, 10:58:57; 2, McLoughlin, at 20sec; 3, S Yates (Fagor), at 33sec; 4, Roche, at 38sec; 5, T Wegmueller (Switz, KAS), at 41sec; 6, D Webster (PMS-Dawes), at 43sec; 7, R Pensec (Fr, Z-Peugeot), at 44sec; 8, S Hodge (Aus, KAS), at 45sec; 9, Kelly, at 46sec; 10, F Vichot (Fr, Weinmann), same time; 11, F Hosta (Bel, ADR), at 49sec; 12, R Millar (Fagor), at 50sec; 13, M Gianetti (Switz, Weinmann), at 51sec; 14, H Abadie (Fr, Z-Peugeot), at 56sec; 15, M Gayant (Fr, Toshiba), at 57sec. Teams: 1, Fagor, 32:58:34; 2, Z-Peugeot, at 30sec; 3, KAS, at 36sec.

● *GENEVA: Urs Freuler*, of Switzerland, who is chasing a record tenth world track title, is a doubtful starter for the world championships that start in Belgium later this month because of injury (Reuter reports). Freuler, who has won seven successive points titles and two keirins since 1981, retired with an injured left knee after crashing during the third stage of last week's Tour of Denmark road race.

Today's stage

Manchester to Liverpool (117 miles): Start 10.30 a.m., finish 15.31, approximately via Rochdale, Bacup, Clitheroe, Trough of Boland, Preston, Southport, Great Crosby.
TV TIMES: C4 11 p.m.-midnight.

Big guns move in on outsiders

By John Hennessy

The English women's stroke-play championship, sponsored by National Westminster Bank, acquired something like the expected pattern on the second day at Wentworth, but some of the outsiders continued to make their mark.

Sally Prosser, a former Surrey champion, has assumed the lead on 147, one over par; Alison MacDonald, aged 17, from Andover, lies third on 150; and Katharine Harridge followed her harrowing 85 on the first day with a 69, by three shots the best score so far.

But the big guns have made menacing moves from the 77 they shared on the first day. Jill Thornhill, captain of Britain and Ireland for the world championship next month, scored 72 yesterday to advance into second place with two members of her team, Julie Wade, and Susan Shapcott, closing up through the field. Wade's 74 puts her in fourth place and Shapcott's 75 gains a share of fifth.

Harridge, aged 26, has been through hard times in a golfing sense for the last two years and, even with her game in better shape recently, the loss of confidence had seriously affected her play on Tuesday.

Yesterday everything changed, she said, with the acquisition of a knowledgeable caddie, Keith Maplesden, of the Liphook Club. Her confidence returned and, with it, the lowest score she has ever produced.

Prosser was round in 74 in spite of taking three putts four times. Her five-wood served her well with birdies at three long holes, but it betrayed her with a hook off the 18th fairway. Thanks to the good guidance of her caddie, she was able to negotiate an overhanging tree and save her par.

Thornhill finished spectacularly by holing a bunker shot for an eagle three at the last. Her 72 yesterday was two shots more than her round over the East Course when winning the Wentworth scratch tournament earlier in the season. But the championship course, employing many of the men's tees, is over 500 yards longer.

The highlight of MacDonald's round was an eagle three at the 439 yards eighth by way of a drive, six-iron and 18 feet putt.

LEADING SCORES: 147: S Prosser (Wentworth), 73, 74. 149: J Thornhill (Weston Heath), 77, 72. 150: A MacDonald (Andover), 75, 75. 151: J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry), 77, 74. 152: S Shapcott (Knowle), 77, 75; T Yarwood (Haydock Park), 77, 75; M J Cornelius (Nevill), 74, 78. 153: N Way (Nevill), 78, 75; S Morgan (Kenilworth), 78, 75; J Morley (Sele), 74, 79; S Bennett (Colchester), 79, 74; H Hustler (Ilkley), 78, 75. 154: L Fairclough (Chorley), 76, 78; K Firth (Crosland Heath), 72, 82; K Harridge (Cowdray Park), 85, 69. 155: B Mansfield (Bishop Auckland), 73, 82; L Fletcher (Ainmouth), 78, 77; K Speak (Clitheroe), 78, 77; H Dobson (Seacroft), 77, 78. A Johns (Boston), 75, 80; F Macdonald (Frinton-on-Sea), 76, 79.

Celebrities are a coup for Danes

From Patricia Davies, Rungsted

Liselotte Neumann, the latest European to become US women's Open champion, and Laura Davies, her immediate predecessor, provide a sponsor's dream ticket for the Danish Open, which starts here, near Copenhagen, today and the Swedish Open next week.

Joe Flanagan, the director of the European tour, crowed delightedly – as he was entitled to – that not even the men's tour, with all their success in America, can boast that country's last two Open champions. The oft-maligned women's game, still in its professional infancy, a fact often harshly forgotten, is playing its full part in the rise and rise of European golf.

Davies is just back from Japan, where she and Ian Woosnam were opening a new golf course by combining to beat Lee Trevino and Kathy Baker at foursomes. Davies, however, may be without her brother, Tony, her caddie, for he was taken ill at the airport and did not travel to Denmark with her.

Neumann arrived back in Sweden a week ago on Tuesday and held court for the Press at the airport before heading home to Finspang, a little town two hours' drive south of Stockholm and an unlikely breeding ground for a golfer who now stands comparison with the best in the world.

The golf club at Finspang is far removed from the country-club living that will become the Neumann norm as she piles her trade on the Lady's Professional Golf Association tour.

The small, russet-coloured wooden clubhouse set in rolling green fields, with a little church in the distance, indicates by its simplicity that this is a proper golf club with no unnecessary frills like wall-to-wall deep pile carpets and valet parking or modern evils like buggies and starting times. It is a studs-in-the-club, money-in-the-milk-churn, ball-in-the-chute, and off-you-go type of place, refreshingly unpretentious.

Few people speak good English, but most speak enough and with that and plenty of friendly gestures, it can be explained that if you want to play, you just sign the book, put your 80 kroner in a plain brown envelope, pop it in the aged milk churn just inside the front door and head for the first tee. Hiring clubs is not something that the club caters for yet but Jonas Abrahamsson, aged 15, handicap seven, was in charge of the pro's shop – which was not much bigger than the average garden shed – and came to the rescue with the loan of his own clubs.

It turned out he had bought them from Neumann when she grew out of them and in your correspondent's hand they plied an erratic force around Finspang, all 13 holes of it. The course has been expanded from nine holes and is on its way to becoming 18, hence the somewhat eccentric numbering, with the 13th playing as the third and leading to early confusion for the visitor.

The women's honour board in the clubhouse has the name of Liselotte Neumann on it rather a lot and there is a small black-and-white photograph of her looking chubby and pulling a trolley, in the tiny locker-room alongside pictures of the other members, with their handicaps – Neumann's mother is off 32.

Otherwise, the Saturday after the great win in Baltimore, there was no sign that this was the unlikely home of Sweden's most successful player but it is a fair bet that at the very least the photo will be changed and given more prominence as the club realizes its celebrity.

Swedes justify their growing reputation

Malmo – Swedish golfers improved their reputation as a growing force by beating a European Tour team, lead by Howard Clark, 2-1, in a preliminary match before the PLM Open starts here today.

The former European match-play champion, Mats Lanner, and Magnus Persson were the outstanding contributors, scoring a better-ball 59 to beat Clark and Barry Lane in the decisive contest.

Clark, veteran of four Ryder Cup matches, and Lane, the new Scottish Open champion, fought back from an early three-hole deficit but then wilted. Clark twice had to hole ten-foot putts to keep the match alive but the Swedes swept to 11 under par to clinch the win.

The Australians, Mike Harwood and Wayne Riley, fared no better, going down to Jesper Parnevik and Johan Rystrom, who were nine under par. The European tour's only winners were Denis Durnian, of Manchester, and Ronan Rafferty, of Ireland, who combined in a four-under-par outing to beat Anders Forsbrand and Ove Sellberg by one hole.

"It just shows how good the Swedes are now, especially on their home ground," Clark said. "Tony Jacklin was right when he predicted there could be one or more of them in the next Ryder Cup team."

Clark is the holder of the PLM title and favourite to win it again but five of this season's winners, David Whelan (Barcelona), Derrick Cooper (Madrid), Harwood (Portugal), Lane and Mark Mouland (Netherlands), are also in the field.

Reputations mean little to Haines

By a Special Correspondent

David Haines, the Somerset teenager who caused an upset when he beat Bobby Eggo, the Walker Cup player, in the English championship at Royal Birkdale a fortnight ago, took two long strides towards the boys' open amateur title a few miles down the road at Formby yesterday.

Haines, aged 17, from Burnham and Berrow, first disposed of David Bathgate, the England boys' captain, on the home green and then beat the Italian, Massimo Fiorioli, 3 and 1.

One down with three to play against Bathgate, aged 17, the Cheshire county player from Sandiway, Haines took the sixteenth and seventeenth to edge in front and held on at the last when he rolled in a putt of five feet.

In the afternoon Haines did not have things all his own way against Fiorioli, losing the opening two holes, and he was still two behind with eight to play but then won the 11th and 12th to square and took the initiative at the 14th.

The best figures of yesterday were produced by Van Phillips, aged 16, from Maidenhead, who collected seven birdies in giving a 6 and 5 lesson to Colin Fraser, the Scottish boys' champion, in the fourth round and then again played some extremely good golf in beating the last surviving Welsh boy, Garry Houston, 6 and 4.

Phillips clashes with the French teenager, Frederic Cupillard, in the first of the quarter-finals this morning. Cupillard had to go to the home hole to dispose of the Scot, Raymond Russell, and only managed to finish the match there because his opponent bunkered his second shot and failed to get up and down in two.

RESULTS: Fourth round: F Cupillard (Fr) bt A Weir (Hilton Park), 6 and 5; V Phillips (Stoke Poges) bt C Fraser (Burntisland), 6 and 5; M Fiorioli (It) bt M Urquhart (Inverness), 3 and 2; W Bennett (Ruislip) bt D Kelly (Northants County), 2 and 1; S Middleton (Glencorse) bt F Hernandez (Sp), one hole; S Perdoe (Goring and Streatley) bt A Emary (Chelmsford), 4 and 3; P Fulke (Swe) bt P Sherman (Ashford), 4 and 3; R Sjoberg (Swe) bt S Syme (Ladybank), 1 hole; M Plummer (Stafford) bt R Hutt (Southport and Ainsdale), 2 holes; I Garbutt (Wheatley) bt J Thuen (Den), 3 and 2; S Paul (Tandragee) bt M Pullan (Sandmoor), at 20th. Fifth round: Cupillard bt Russell, one hole; Phillips bt Houston, 6 and 4; McKay bt Church, 2 and 1.

FOOTBALL

Hodge returns to Clough's fold

By Dennis Shaw

Steve Hodge, the England World Cup midfield player, was yesterday reunited with his original manager, Brian Clough, when he returned to Nottingham Forest from Tottenham Hotspur for £550,000.

The negotiations, which faltered on Tuesday when the pair were unable to agree contract terms, were resolved in compromise talks yesterday. Then, typically, Clough made it clear that there is no automatic first-team place for the player.

"He will have his hands full trying to get into our side, but he will be a lot happier back at his home-town club," the Forest manager said.

Hodge won 15 England caps during his three years away from Forest at Aston Villa and then Tottenham. "It will be great starting the season in a Forest shirt," he said. "I feel sure we are on the verge of winning honours again. There will always be a strong team here while Brian Clough is in charge."

On his decision to return, he observed: "It was difficult living in London on my own."

● Chelsea have turned down a written transfer request from Tony Dorigo, their promising defender, and told him to honour his contract. Dorigo, who was in the England squad for the European championship in June, was told that the club expected him to be part of their campaign to return to the first division.

Chelsea expect a specialist's verdict today on the back injury that has kept Steve Wicks in hospital and a £300,000 transfer to Tottenham on ice. Wicks aggravated the injury in training last week and was sent to hospital for tests.

● Brentford have signed Tony Parks, the Tottenham goalkeeper, for £60,000. He becomes their third new player in the last three weeks, joining Richard Cadette, from Sheffield United, and winger Neil Smillie, from Reading.

● Norwich City are close to signing Malcolm Allen, Watford's Welsh international forward. The clubs have agreed on a fee of £175,000.

● Wimbledon and West Bromwich Albion look set for settlement by tribunal after a discrepancy of £500,000 in the valuation of Stuart Naylor, the Midland club's goalkeeper. Wimbledon offered £250,000 for Naylor, who has not re-signed for West Brom, but Ron Atkinson, his manager, claimed the player was worth three times that.

On Portsmouth yesterday paid £150,000 for Graeme Hogg, the Manchester United defender.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Ashby can draw on experience

By Keith Macklin

The four men who will complete the board of directors were chosen at headquarters in Leeds yesterday. They have all occupied senior office at leading clubs and have a wealth of professional experience to bring to their specialized executive responsibilities.

Joining Bob Ashby, the chairman, and David Oxley, the former secretary-general of the League, who has become chief executive, are Joe Seddon, of St Helens, Maurice Lindsay, of Wigan, Harry Jepson, of Leeds and Rodney Walker, of Wakefield Trinity.

Seddon is a chartered accountant, Lindsay, a former businessman who nowadays has his hands full as chairman of Wigan, Jepson is a retired headmaster and Walker, a business consultant with a wide range of responsibilities, particularly within the Sports Council and local radio in the north.

Seddon's main responsibility will be finance, while Lindsay will handle marketing and television. Jepson's areas are development and competitions, while Walker will look after local and national government affairs at a time when the game is expanding rapidly with local government support at school-boy and amateur levels.

YACHTING

Leaders left with clear passage

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

The three-boat American Kenwood Cup team have only to finish the 775-mile Round the State race to win this Hawaiian ocean-racing series after the top boat in the leading Australian team pulled out with rigging damage yesterday.

The broken runner that led to the retirement of the Farr-designed one-tonner, Sagacious, while leading this series on points, was a blow to Gary Appleby and his crew. They had been lying second overall in this race, behind the Japanese yacht, Seikaiha.

Instead, the Australian boat returned to Honolulu eight hours after an equally dejected crew, aboard the British yacht, Yeoman, had arrived back after being dismasted.

"It was very disappointing. We had been playing nip and tuck all night with our rivals around the top of the islands and had just began the long fetch south when the mast came down," Robin Aisher, the British team captain said.

The failure, which leaves the final placing of the British team in the hands of Alan Gray and his crew aboard Indulgence, resulted from the failure of the port-cap shroud. Windwood Passage, the Australian maxi owned by Rod Muir, was first to round the southern tip of Hawaii, on course to break Boomerang's three day, 22 hour record set four years ago.

On handicap however, the midnight standings placed the Japanese class D one-tonner, Ninja, first in the fleet, just ahead of the leading American yacht, Bravura, skippered by Geoff Stagg.

Indulgence stood eleventh among the remaining 32 yachts

N Zealand refuse race

San Diego (Reuter) – New Zealand will not race Peter de Savary and his Royal Burnham Yacht Club's Blue Arrow yacht in a post-America's Cup match in San Diego, a spokesman for the Mercury Bay Boating Club said yesterday.

"He's been told since April that we wouldn't race him unless he had built a 90-foot keel-rigged sloop," Graeme Colman said.

Colman said that de Savary was looking for a return on the £3.8 million he invested in his boat – a 65-foot sliding keel, outrigger-assisted monohull yacht – after the New York Supreme Court ruled that he could not participate in America's Cup in September.

RUGBY UNION

Quinn livid with dirty forwards

From Chris Thau
Perpignan

Alan Quinn, the Scottish coach, has warned his forwards that a repeat of their lack of discipline displayed against England is not going to be tolerated in today's vital match against Italy.

Two-thirds of the 31 penalties awarded by Brian Sterling, the Irish referee, went against the Scots.

"I've spelt out to all those involved that they were a liability to the team. I've also said there was no way I would accept a repeat," Quinn said.

The Scottish coach has singled out Gordon Doran for kicking an opponent on the ground two minutes into the game.

"I was simply livid when I saw him doing that," Quinn said. "It was even more irritating because it came after the referee had awarded us a penalty following the pack action."

Quinn announced an unchanged side from the 15 that finished the game against England but the hooker, Callum Bannerman, dropped out with an upset stomach after yesterday's training session and was replaced by Richard Attisha, his Edinburgh University colleague.

He has also made three positional changes. Don Caskie's replacement, Cameron Glasgow, takes over the outside half berth while stand-off half Carson Russell has been moved at full back. Gordon Dodd's switch from full back to centre completes the triangle.

SCOTLAND: C Russell (St Mary's Twickenham); D MacLaughlin (Napier Poly), G Dodd (St Andrew's), S Watters (Loughborough Univ), I Harris (Loughborough Univ); C Glasgow (St Andrew's), D Millard (Exeter Univ, Capt); S Baird (Glasgow Univ), C Bannerman (Edinburgh Univ), G Doran (Bell Col of Technology), A Buchanan-Smith (Loughborough Univ), A MacDonald (Loughborough Univ), E Simpson (Royal Dick Vet), I Dixon (Exeter Univ), A Murray (Manchester Univ).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Chicago Cubs 8, New York Mets 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, Montreal Expos 9; St Louis Cardinals 7, Philadelphia Phillies 3; San Diego Padres 5, Atlanta Braves 1; Cincinnati Reds 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Houston Astros 3, San Francisco Giants 2. American League: Milwaukee Brewers 3, Boston Red Sox 2 and 1-5; Toronto Blue Jays 6, New York Yankees 3; Minnesota Twins 4, Cleveland Indians 3; Baltimore Orioles 4, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 6, Detroit Tigers 2; Seattle Mariners 4, California Angels 1; Oakland Athletics 8, Chicago White Sox 1.

CROQUET

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghams CC tournament: Handicap doubles: J Rivers and J Thomas bt G Taylor and Mrs C Chamberlain, 13 (T); M Stevens and S Howells bt C Waterfield and R Forth, 5 (T); P Hellett and A Symons bt P Dorke and Miss C Collins, 17; C D Clarke and Mrs M Olliff bt G Johnson and D Wilkes, 11; J Collis and G Budd bt D Maughan and J Death, 24; B Hallam and Mrs E Howells bt W Lamb and I Smith, 4 (T); F Whitaker and J Portwood bt Mr and Mrs M Templeman, 4 (T); R Davis and G Norman bt Dr and Mrs T Smith.

CYCLING

GEEL, Belgium: Tour of Belgium: Prologue (7.8km time-trial): 1, E de Wilde (Bel), 9min 44.31sec; 2, F Maassen (Neth), 9:46.41; 3, B van Itterbeek (Bel), 9:50.75.

ALMEIDA: Tour of Portugal: 11th stage (147km; Portuguese unless stated): 1, R Duro, 3hr 49min 29sec; 2, C Seguy (Fr), same time; 3, P Pires, 3:51:55. Leading positions: 1, A Martinez (Sp), 46:38:15; 2, A Araujo, at 38sec; 3, L Sequeira, 2:38.

SAN FRANCISCO: Coors Classic: First stage (120km): (US unless stated): 1, J Pierce 3hr 8min 21sec; 2, N Reiss at 12sec; 3, T Cordes (Neth); 4, R van der Vin (Neth); 5, A Steda all same time. Overall: 1, Pierce 3:10:41; 2, Reiss 17sec; 3, D Phinney 28sec; 4, Steda 33sec; 5, A Hampsten 34sec.

GOLF

LEEDS: Golf Foundation/NatWest age group championships: Boys: Under-18: P Dwyer (Whalley), 75. U-15: D Atherton (Paddesley), 81. U-14: P Chapple (Sitwell Park), 80. U-12: G Jackson (Tunshill), 84. Girls: U-16: L Crewe (Woodsome Hall), 100. U-15: A Murray (Heysham), 88.

HOCKEY

AMSTELVEEN, The Netherlands: International tournament: Soviet Union 2, Canada 0; The Netherlands 2, Spain 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Beziers (Fr) 49, Neath 7.
SCHOOLS TOURS: (Canberra): Australian Capital Territory 3, England 36. (Ngaere, New Zealand): Thames Valley 3, Scotland 4.

SWIMMING

AUSTIN, Texas: United States Olympic trials: Finals: (Top two in each event qualify for Olympics): Men: 100 metres butterfly: 1, M Biondi 53.09; 2, J Mortenson 53.29. 400m individual medley: 1, D Wharton 4:18.32 (US record); 2, J Kosloff 4:20.23. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, M Kramer 1:58.97; 2, M Wayte 1:59.11. 200m breaststroke: 1, T McFarlane 2:29.82; 2, S Rapp 2:31.01.

TENNIS

SAINT VINCENT, Italy: Aosta Valley tournament: Men's singles: First round: P Rebolledo (Chile) bt A Baldoni (It), 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; J Aguilera (Sp) bt C Panatta (It), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt I Cappelloni (It), 0-6, 6-3, 6-4; F Cancellotti (It) bt O Urbinati (It), 6-3, 6-4; K Carlsson (Swe) bt F Segarceanu (Rom) 6-0, 6-4; P Rebolledo (Chile) bt A Baldoni (It) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2. J Aguilera (Sp) bt C Panatta (It) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; M Filippini (It) bt C Allgardh (Swe) 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0 to 6.30, 96 overs minimum
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Sri Lankans.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex v Hampshire; Blackpool: Lancashire v Somerset; Enfield CC: Middlesex v Surrey; Wolverton: Northamptonshire v Sussex; Newark (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan; Moseley CC: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire; Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Leicestershire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: South Shields: Durham v Staffordshire: Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Norfolk. Western division: Finchampstead: Berkshire v Devon.
FESTIVALS: Oxford and Cambridge under 19.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich EBU championships (Worthing). County matches: Gloucestershire v Buckinghamshire (Cheltenham SC); Herefordshire v Worcestershire (Eastnor); Oxfordshire v Bristol City and County (Oxford Pressed Steel); Somerset v Sussex (Bath).
CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Third stage: Manchester to Liverpool.
GLIDING: Open class national championship and regional (at Lasham airfield, Alton).
GOLF: Boys championship (Formby); English women's amateur stroke play championship (Wentworth); Scottish girls championship (Elderton).
ORIENTEERING: Welsh festival (Lampeter).
POLO: National 15-goal handicap tournament (Cirencester).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Oxford v King's Lynn; Sheffield v Coventry.

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: ITV 8.30-9 p.m.: Fastest Men on Earth: Series on Olympic 100 metres champions.
BOWLS: Border/Granada 10.30-11.10 a.m., 12-12.30, 1.30-2.30 p.m. (Granada to 2.25 p.m.): Isle Masters crown green tournament from Ellesmere Port.
CYCLING: C4 11 p.m.-12 a.m.: Kellogg's Tour of Britain: Third stage: Manchester to Liverpool.
GOLF: BBC1 11.10 p.m.-12 a.m.: United States Seniors championship: Highlights from the Madina Golf and Country Club, Chicago.

TORONTO: Canadian open championship: Men's singles: First round (US unless stated): A Sznajder (Can) bt A Castle (GB), 6-4, 7-5; G Michibata (Can) bt J Lozano (Mex), 7-5, 6-3; J Frawley (Aus) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-4, 6-1; T Williamson bt G Holmes, 6-1, 6-1; P Lundgren (Swe) bt C Garner, 6-3, 6-2; W Masur (Aus) bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; K Evernden (NZ) bt T Nelson (US), 6-2, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt K Flach, 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Connell (Can) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; S Glammalva (US) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug) 6-2, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Pugh (US) 5-6, 6-1, 7-6; J Berger (US) bt S Davis (US), 6-0, 6-3; T Witsken (US) bt R Krishnan (India) 1-6, 6-3, 7-5. Second round: J Connors bt D Flach, 6-1, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) v Y Doumbia (Sen) 3-6, 6-3, 5-4 (rain stopped play).
LOS ANGELES: Women's grand prix tournament: First round (US unless stated): K Kell bt M Werdel, 6-4, 7-5; S Collins bt C Christian, 6-3, 6-3; D Ballestrat (Aus) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; B Nagelsen bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; K Schnapper (SA) bt P Louie-Harper (US) 7-6, 6-1; D Balestrat (Aus) bt W Turnbull (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; K Kell (US) bt M Werdel (US) 6-4, 7-5; A Minter (Aus) bt P Barg (US) 6-2, 6-0; R White (US) bt D Van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; S Collins (US) bt C Christian (US) 6-3, 6-3; P Vasquez (Peru) bt J Hetherington (Can) 7-5, 6-2; B Nagelsen (US) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Second round: L McNeil (US) bt H Ludloff (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt S Sloane (US) 6-1, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt J Durie (GB) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Frazier (US) bt P Shriver (US) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; G Sabatina (Arg) bt W White (US) 6-1, 7-5.
PRAGUE: Czechoslovak Open tournament: First round: G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-2, 5-7, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt G Bezjeny (US), 6-2, 6-1; F Luna (Sp) bt P Vizner (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; L Pimek (Cz) bt J Navrati (Cz), 6-0, 5-7, 6-4. M Strelba (Cz) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-3, 7-6; M Srejber (Cz) bt J Letts (GB), 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; A Olkhovski (USSR) bt M Fioron (It), 6-4, 6-2; M Mecir (Cz) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-1, 6-2; T Smid (Cz) bt F Yunis (Arg), 6-4, 6-1, 6-4. Second round: F Luna (Sp) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-1; L Duncan (US) bt J Cihak (Cz), 6-3, 7-5.
SHEFFIELD: Sheffield Open: Men's singles, third round: D Williams bt R Baxter, 6-2, 6-3; J Rigby bt D Mangham, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Glesden bt A Reed, 6-4, 7-5.

YACHTING

PLYMOUTH: Firebell national championships: 1, T Rush and C Miles, 2, P Bedell and G Taylor; 3, M Goodwin and J Lord; 4, D Hall and P Constable; 5, I Pinnell and D Cripps.
COPENHAGEN: Cutty Sark Tall Ships race (Marienamn to Copenhagen, 403 miles): 1, Kruka (Nor); 2, Raptus (WG); 3, Colin Archer (Nor); British: 24, Ocean Venture.
LOWESTOFT: World Flying Fifteen championships: Fifth race: 1, Tradesmen's Entrance (C Rainey, Lake Wellington YC, Aus); 2, Comfortably Numb (P Shonk, Royal Arakana YC, NZ); 3, Simply Red (J Miller, Kirkubbin YC).
BRIDNAM: Tiger national championships: Fourth race: 1, C Udo and F Bos, (Wooxsdoorne); 2, N Barnes and L Barnett (Whitstable SC); 3, P Caldswell and J Caldswell (Grafham SC). Overall standings: 1, Barnes and Barnett; 2, W Wagner and U Wagner; 3, Udo and Bos.
ULLSWATER: Tempest national championships: Third race: 1, K99 (C Meadows and C Setterfield); 2, K89 (I Modral and K Robinson); 3, K58 (J Fletcher and T Fletcher).
LARGS: British Lombard Optimist championships: Fifth race: 1, S Templeman (Hayling Island); 2, A Collonette (Hayling Island); 3, C Mayhew (Royal Harwich YC).
PLYMOUTH: Firebell national championships: Fourth race: 1, P Bedell and G Taylor; 2, M Davies and I Cadwalader; 3, T Rush and C Miles.

GLIDING

Pilots left hot and bothered by sinking air

The Open class national championship at Lasham again suffered cancellation yesterday despite Tom Bradbury, the resident weatherman, trying to designate a lift path to Henlow, via Goring and Oundle, sending the pilots to a remote finish (Maxwell Fendt writes).

It would have been an unusual, though not unknown, solution. It is a common misconception that hot weather always produces thermals as long as it is not raining.

In fact, the stationary high pressure areas of mid-summer are warmed air sinking, usually with a temperature rise as one climbs rather than the desired temperature drop which causes the lower warmer air to rise.

The 30 contestants are thus hoping Bradbury can today predict movement in the air mass. This will enliven David Innes, Ralph Jones, Robin May and Pamela Hawkins, the chief contestants.

Any flying day they must regard as the last available; there may be no flying after that to allow recovery.

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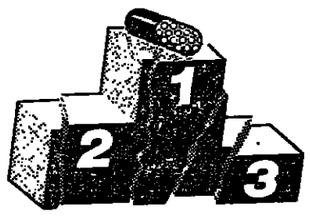
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American athletics in fresh drugs scandal

By John Goodbody

A new drugs scandal is about to break in American athletics after a number of competitors in both the Olympic trials and national championships have proved positive in tests for banned substances.

No names or numbers have been released because several of the competitors have to be interviewed and, in a few cases, the mandatory second analysis has to be carried out. It is not known whether any of the positive samples belong to athletes who have qualified for the Olympics in Seoul.



However, Dr Robert Voy, the chief medical officer of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), confirmed that competitors at the athletics trials in Indianapolis on July 15 to 23 tested positive. He said in Colorado Springs: "We had positive laboratory tests but all of the tests are not in." He declined to say how many athletes are involved.

Bernie Wagner, the national coach/co-ordinator for The Athletics Congress (TAC), the governing body of athletics in the United States, said in Santa Barbara, California, that he had no knowledge of the findings at the Olympic trials. However, he confirmed there were positive tests at the US national championships in June at Tampa, Florida, but athletes involved were allowed to compete in the Olympic trials because their hearings had not been completed.

Wagner said: "I am not at liberty to say how many but it was not a great number and it was definitely fewer than a dozen." He added that both urine samples taken from these athletes had proved positive and that more than one proscribed substance was involved.

The hearings of these athletes are under way. "I do not have a definite answer on them and there may still be one hearing to come," Wagner said.

But none of those who have proved positive and are members of the US Olympic team will be allowed to go to Seoul. A spokesman for the USOC told *The Times*: "We will not announce who has been taken off the team. This is for legal reasons. The people concerned will simply be replaced."

In London, John Holt, the secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said that if any competitors were positive and suspended, the TAC would inform the world governing body of its decision.

"Our legal advisers recommend our members to give the athlete a chance to be heard. This is mandatory in some countries like the United States because of their law," he said.

He said that the timing of these hearings should suit all concerned but that an athlete should not be allowed to compete between the time of a second positive test and that interview. Under IAAF regulations a first offence results in a minimum two years suspension and a second offence a lifetime ban from the sport.

The easy access to banned substances, including anabolic steroids, the lack of testing in many sports and the federal legislation protecting the right of individuals have made the United States the centre of drug-taking in sport.

Dr Voy told a seminar on drug-testing in Colorado that he believed anabolic steroid use among American athletes is "widespread. The only sports in which we have found no drug abuse are women's hockey and figure skating". He cited scores of positive tests in US national teams in sports such as weightlifting, boxing and basketball.

Last year Dr Voy said that he was "very surprised" that no positive tests were announced by the TAC after its national athletics championships in San Jose. It is understood that up to a dozen people were positive.

Among the many scandals which have been revealed in athletics in recent years have been the suspensions of Ben Plucknett, who broke the world record for the discus, and Duncan Atwood, winner of the US trials in the javelin in 1984. In 1983, at the Pan-American Games in Venezuela, 12 American athletes returned home suddenly before the competition after learning how sophisticated the drug-testing would be.

Wagner did confirm yesterday that the positive tests did not include Florence Griffith-Joyner, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Steve Lewis, who set world senior or junior records at the Olympic trials. He said: "We had their samples sent to Canada for testing and they all were negative."

END COLUMN

Master of a trying art

By Simon Barnes

"How does it feel to score the winning goal at Wembley?" "Ow does it feel to face the fastest bowling in the world?" Television's love afair with fatuousness will continue as long as that question is asked.

The other day, I actually heard a television interviewer say: "I know we're not supposed to ask this question any more – but tell me, how does it feel?" The only possible reply is this: "I know we're not supposed to make this reply any more – but the truth is, I'm over the moon, Brian."

Perhaps the question has truly been banned from television, but I am sure the interviewers are clever enough to think up another way of asking exactly the same thing. And of course, the one thing we never learn from such interviews is, well, what it actually does feel like.

The other day, I had lunch with an American who has made something of a life-work discovering exactly what it does feel like. The man in question is George Plimpton. He has written a series of books which are apparently an attempt to answer the television interviewer's overwhelming question.

A lifetime's search for humiliation

And mostly, the answer is, it feels pretty awful. Plimpton has played against the finest in the world at many sports, and played them all as a duffer, a good trier, an unpromising, unco-ordinated amateur. He got in there, and tried like mad to do it well, to be accepted by his colleagues, to do the thing right. It as as if he has spent his life in search of humiliation.

He has played pro baseball, he has kept goal in professional ice hockey. He has written two books about playing football – the American version, which is the most psychopathic of all ballgames. He has also played golf on the professional circuit, and, God help him, boxed with the pros. George Gissing believed in starving for his art: Plimpton seems to have been prepared to take the whole thing a great deal further.

The golf book has recently been published in England, and one of the football ones will follow in the autumn. I have read somewhere that there were only three jokes: presumably one of them is about stepping on a banana skin. Plimpton is a master of that one.

He plays (or played, the book was first published in the United States in 1967) off a handicap of 18, and somehow managed to get invited to a series of pro-ams.

Circuit of swagger mixed with anguish

He went from tournament to tournament caught between swagger and anguish. There is a wonderful dialogue with an airport porter who thought Plimpton was a real golf pro.

"Well, good luck," he said. "I play to a five myself."

"No kidding?"

"Well, that's nothing compared to you guys."

"A five handicap is nothing to be sneezed at."

"I wish it was a four," he said.

"Sure," I said. "Well . . ." I tried had to think of an appropriate golfing term. "Well, POP IT," I said.

He looked startled.

"I mean, really POP it out there."

A tentative smile of appreciation began to work at his features. I put the car in gear and started off. As I looked in the rear-view mirror I could seem him staring after the car.

The book has all the intensity of the pro sportsman, plus all the inclination for self-mockery that the weekend trier must, of necessity, possess. Naturally I asked him what was the worst bit about all those experiences.

"The fear of humiliation," he said. "I had it all the time. And for the professionals, it is the worst thing in their lives too.

Plimpton has put himself in the way of more of this than most. It has not embittered him: rather, it has has rounded his comic timing. On an aeroplane flight, his books are marvellous company, as is the man himself over a nice lunch. "Tell me," he said over the coffee. "Do you think I'd have any chance of playing in a Test match?"

● ***The Bogey Man, by George Plimpton (published by Simon And Schuster). Paper Lion, an American football, will be published by the same firm in September.***

Carter's reign nears its close

By Peter Ball

The end of Philip Carter's spell as president of the Football League appeared imminent last night. A petition requesting an Extraordinary General Meeting to remove him from the management committee, along with Dave Dein, of Arsenal has been forwarded to League headquarters at Lytham.

The move has been led from within the first division, with Derby, Luton, Coventry, Southampton and Norwich heavily involved. The support from below has been overwhelming. Almost all the second division clubs have signed the resolution calling for the men's removal from office, and the decision of the associate members was unanimous.

A date for the EGM has still to be set, but it is likely to take place in early September. Carter has steadfastly refused to resign in the face of fierce criticism for his and Dein's parts in the separate negotiations between the big five clubs and ITV, but the vote will be decided on a simple majority, and the petitioners have enough votes already to make his removal a virtual formality.

There were, however, suggestions of a counter move by some of the ITV ten. They are considering an alternative resolution challenging the positions of the whole management committee on the grounds that they had been too closely aligned to the British Satellite Broadcasting/BBC, when an ITV offer of £4 million a year more gave football the better deal.

Clubs like Luton and Derby might not be opposed to a more general change in the management structure.

The Luton chief executive, John Smith, has suggested that it is time for the game to bring in a powerful figure from outside to run things in conjunction with a chief executive.

"There is a lot of concern that the actions of the president and other members of the management committee were contrary to their fiduciary duty," Smith said, "But there is a general lack of confidence among the vast majority about the leadership.

"We are pretty unhappy about the way the game virtually abdicated responsibility to the government over the membership schemes, and the PR over TV have been completely fouled up."

Nicholas walks a tightrope

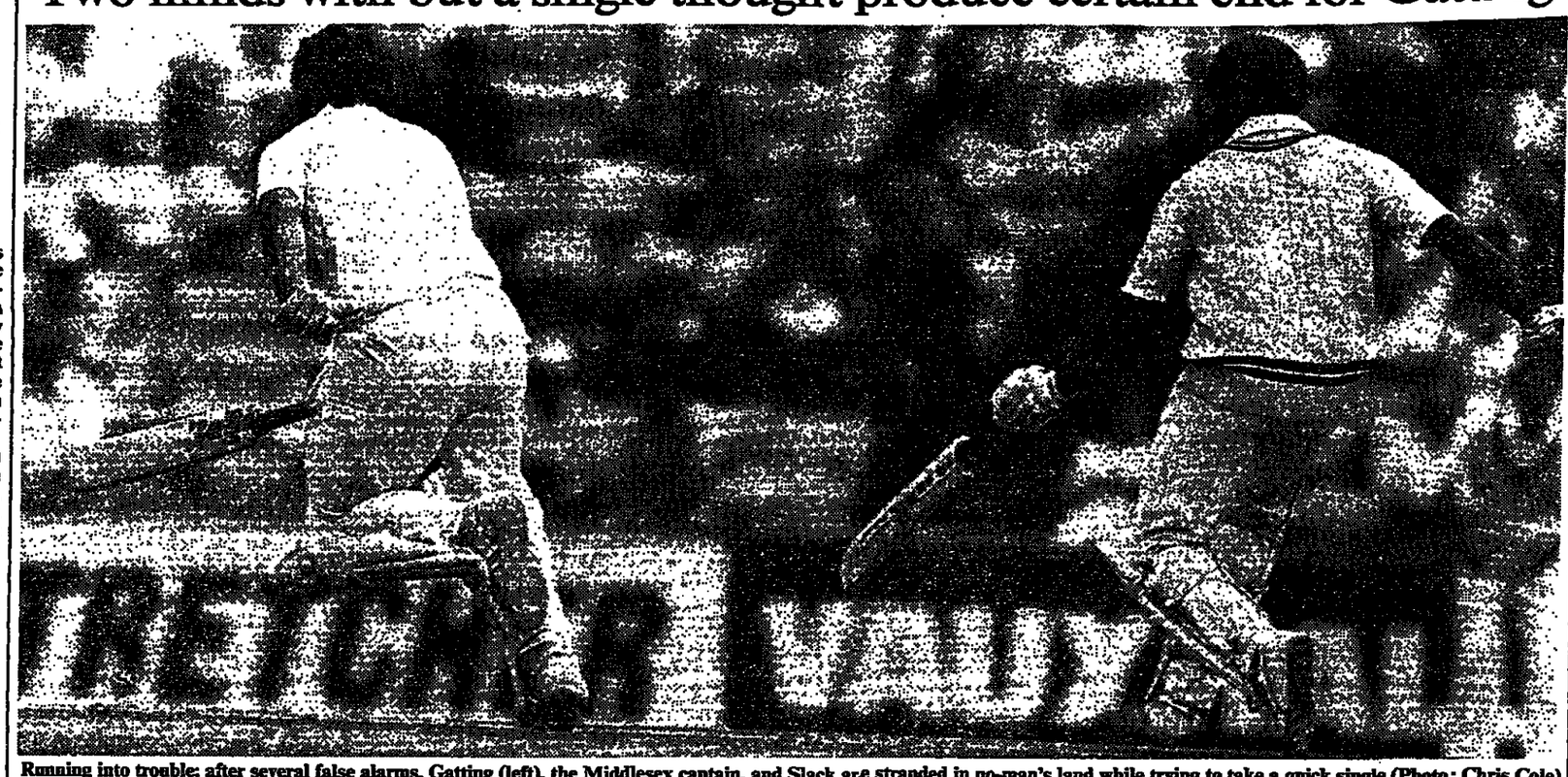
Ringsted – Alison Nicholas, the former British Open golf champion, arrived here yesterday for the first Danish Open and was informed she had been fined £50 for wearing jeans at Lindrick before the defence of her British title two weeks ago (Patricia Davies writes). It is a small drop to someone with £43,700 earnings this season but Nicholas was angry.

"My dad picked me up after flying to Heathrow from the US Open in Baltimore and we were dropping my caddie off at the club. I hadn't intended to leave the car but dad's a member and when some of his friends came up I could hardly just sit there and be rude.

"I would rather pay £50 than insult my father's friends and committee members. I know the rules; I was in the wrong and won't appeal."

Nicholas breached Tour dress rules and jeans seem liable to give the average club member apoplexy, but what chance if the British champion had snubbed the welcome where she was about to defend her title? Conceited might have been a polite label.

Two minds with but a single thought produce certain end for Gatting



Running into trouble: after several false alarms, Gatting (left), the Middlesex captain, and Slack are stranded in no-man's land while trying to take a quick single (Photo: Chris Cole)

Middlesex advance with hesitation

THE OVAL: Middlesex beat Surrey by 70 runs

By gaining their first victory at the Oval in six attempts in the knock-out competition, Middlesex yesterday reached the final of the NatWest Trophy. Surrey could manage only 188 in reply to a Middlesex score of 258 for seven.

There were three stoppages for rain or bad light, all of them mercifully brief. There was also an umpiring decision as demonstrably wrong as two that were made in the Test match last week. In recognition of a dry pitch, rather than something on which it is a huge advantage to bowl first, Gatting chose to bat on winning the toss. That was something of a curiousity these days. But the match itself was a disappointment for Surrey. For them, only Stewart with a defiant century made more than 17.

From the moment Slack and Gatting came together it was as certain as could be that one or the other would be run out. Gatting has a way of starting and then, without warning, slamming on the brakes. So do many others. It is symptomatic of the one-day game.

After several hair-raising escapes yesterday, for one or the other, Gatting played Greig to Bullen at backward cover and set off on a run. Predictably enough, after much stopping and starting and turning back, both batsmen were to be seen running for the same end, the striker's.

When Bullen's return hit the stumps Gatting and Slack were both short of the crease, Slack by perhaps a couple of feet, Gatting by a yard. Slack, being the nearer, ought to have been given out; Surrey, with an eye for the main chance, protested that Gatting should be the one to go, and they had their way.

Gatting had just begun to cut loose and was obviously the more dangerous opponent. Such was the confusion that the umpires' mistake – they made a joint decision – was understandable.

Happily for Middlesex, Butcher, who took Gatting's place, was at his best, his 65 from 80 balls being a gem of an innings. In fact all the Middlesex batsmen contributed, even Carr's eight being usefully positive. By making 40 in 36 balls Downton helped to offset the loss of Butcher, caught at deep extra cover when looking as though he might take Middlesex to 275 and beyond. Surrey's bowling was wholehearted, their fielding presentable. Ward, patrolling the boundary on the Gasometer side, was excellent.

For Middlesex Butcher fielded as well as he had batted and in an opening spell of six overs for five runs Fraser gave further notice of his promise. With Clinton getting badly stuck (17 in 68 balls) before being stumped and the two off-spinners, Emburey and Needham, bowling the last 14 overs before tea for 39 runs in only 35 minutes Surrey faced the evening needing 170 from the last 25 overs with eight wickets left.

Within seven overs Lynch and Ward were both gone, Gatting having had the good sense to ask Carr to bowl not off-breaks but some little cutters. Seeing this, Lynch sent not for a sun hat (it was quite pleasant now) but for a helmet, and he was promptly bowled, attempting a stroke of no known pedigree.

After Carr had then bowled Ward off a foot it became a slog and a scramble, and for Surrey a rather inglorious exit from the competition. A wonderfully energetic piece of fielding by Emburey off his own bowling ran out Greig, whereafter Stewart's 100, and whether he would reach it, became the main point of interest.

Scoreboard

MIDDLESEX

J D Carr c Richards b Clarke	8
W N Slack lbw b Bullen	58
A Needham c Stewart b Bullen	24
*M W Gatting run out	18
R G D Butcher c Ward b Bicknell	65
†P R Downton c Richards b Clarke	40
K R Brown b Clarke	20
J E Emburey not out	10
S P Hughes not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7)	13
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	258

A R C Fraser and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-63, 3-99, 4-154, 5-189, 6-238, 7-243.

BOWLING: Clarke 12-1-49-3; Bicknell 12-0-38-1; Feltham 12-3-58-0; Greig 12-0-52-0; Bullen 12-0-55-2

SURREY

G S Clinton st Downton b Needham	17
P D Atkins c Downton b Cowans	10
A J Stewart not out	107
M A Lynch b Carr	15
D M Ward b Carr	4
†C J Richards b Cowans	10
*I A Greig run out	9
M A Feltham c Gatting b Fraser	0
C K Bullen lbw b Cowans	7
S T Clarke b Cowans	3
M P Bicknell b Fraser	1
Extras (lb 6, w 8 n 1)	15
Total	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-51, 3-104, 4-112, 5-129, 6-148, 7-149, 8-175, 9-185.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and B J Meyer.

Hampshire kept in the game by Terry

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Paul Terry, whose century against Essex carried Hampshire to their first cup final last month, kept alive their hopes of a second final at Lord's with a courageous innings against heavy odds at Worcester yesterday. As this NatWest trophy semi-final went into overtime, however, Hampshire faded badly in their pursuit of 269.

If Worcestershire's total was formidable, it might have been impregnable. In the course of their final five overs they lost seven wickets for 24 runs; criminally careless.

The pitch was a good one, although later in the day the bounce grew less reliable to add to Hampshire's problems. Once the Worcestershire openers had negotiated a torrid period against the new ball, the bat was dominant to the animated delight of a 6,500 crowd.

Hampshire had their misfortunes early on. Bakker, the Dutch ski instructor who is proving such a capable recruit, beat the bat regularly while Jefferies, passed fit just before play, bowled O'Shaughnessy with a no ball.

Gradually, the openers asserted themselves. The first 10 overs had yielded only 22 runs, but the second 10 brought 35 and the third 42. By lunch, both men were past 50 and playing with great freedom, even the usually miserly Cowley taking punishment.

It was Cowley who finally made the breach in the fortieth over, O'Shaughnessy, having just hit him straight for six, attempted something too ambitious and was caught at deep mid-wicket. With Hick hurrying to the middle, and the total 148, this was hardly a moment of respite for Hampshire.

Curtis went in the 47th over, playing an uncharacteristic shot, but Leatherdale, aged 20, a clone of Hick, joined him in a frisky stand of 49 from seven overs, the pupil matching the master shot for shot. Hick was out at just the time Worcestershire needed him to stay and his flash of annoyance indicated he knew it.

Neale began the trend towards frenetic cricket, perishing to an unnecessary risk. Leatherdale's 43, scored from 33 balls, fully merited his standing ovation.

Hampshire's innings was dogged by murky light and, on occasion, steady rain. This, however, is the penance sometimes paid by a side electing to bat second. Despite the conditions and an introspective start, they never allowed the target to slip out of sight and indeed, the second-wicket pair twice rejected offers from the umpires to go off.

Hick, whose off breaks were influential in the quarter-finals, broke the opening stand in his first over, Chris Smith chipping to mid wicket, and for some time after this Turner was hopelessly at sea. That he survived, eventually to prosper in his time-honoured fashion, was a feat of endurance.

It seemed inevitable that Dilley's return, in appalling gloom, would bring play to a halt, and two bouncers made certain. Within 10 minutes, however, the sun had broken through and the final session began shortly before 7.00 p.m.

By now, Terry was playing with smooth timing and great confidence, but, after a stand of 98 in 23 overs, Turner dragged a short ball into his stumps. Next over, Robin Smith was caught behind and when Terry himself departed for 80, made from 141 balls, Hampshire had lost three wickets in 10 deliveries.

Scoreboard

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Nicholas b James	74
S J O'Shaughnessy c R A Smith b Cowley	62
G A Hick lbw b Ayling	31
D A Leatherdale b Jefferies	43
*P A Neale c R A Smith b Ayling	9
M J Weston c and b Jefferies	2
†S J Rhodes c Ayling b Bakker	9
N V Radford c R A Smith b Bakker	3
P J Newport c Parks b Jefferies	1
R K Illingworth not out	2
G R Dilley b Bakker	1
Extras (b 1, lb 20, w 5, nb 5)	31
Total (59.5 overs)	268

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-148, 2-169, 3-218, 4-244, 5-251, 6-254, 7-257, 8-259, 9-266.

BOWLING: Jefferies 12-0-67-3; Bakker 11.5-2-34-3; James 11-1-45-1; Ayling 12-0-51-2; Cowley 12-0-47-1; C L Smith 1-0-3-0.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Rhodes b Newport	80
C L Smith c Illingworth b Hick	29
D R Turner b Newport	35
R A Smith c Rhodes b Weston	1
*M C J Nicholas not out	3
S T Jefferies not out	1
Extras	6
Total	155

J Ayling, K D J smes, †R J Parks, N G Cowley and P J Bakker to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-147, 3-148, 4-153.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and A G T Whitehead.

Wimbledon ticket rethink

By John Goodbody

The All England Club yesterday partially blocked one avenue for ticket speculators by announcing that in 1989 each household or company will be restricted to a pair of Wimbledon tickets on any day for the centre and No. 1 courts.

Christopher Gorringe, the chief executive of the club, said: "This provision has been introduced in an attempt to eradicate multiple applications and to make the system fairer and increase the chances of success of genuine applicants."

The club is able to do this for the first time because of its greater computerization, which will facilitate the identification of multiple applications in the public ballot. However, this will only curtail the black market and certainly not end it. The action follows a series of articles in *The Times* in June, detailing the extent of the black market.

Although the club, the Lawn Tennis Association and the British Tennis Umpires Association prohibit the resale of tickets, they are powerless to enforce their regulations until the Government makes it a criminal offence to resell tickets above their face value.

Last month tickets for the men's singles final were being sold on the black market for £500, 20 times their face value. But next year Wimbledon will be introducing a two-tier system, with 33 per cent increases on the most expensive seats for some days. This will also cut the profit margins of the speculators.

The club will increase the price of the best seats on the centre court from £9 to £14 on the first Monday of the tournament, from £20 to £31 for the semi-finals and from £25 to £36 on finals days.

Gorringe said: "For some time we have thought that Wimbledon tickets are underpriced. We feel that by increasing the price of the best seats, with no increase on ordinary seats, a sensible pricing structure has been achieved."

Price increases will affect about 75 per cent of the seats on centre court and No. 1 court. The cost of those at the back of the stands or with a partially restricted view will remain the same as in 1988.

Gorringe said: "This move will bring Wimbledon in line with almost every other major British sporting event as well as opera and ballet."

The most expensive tickets for this year's Benson and Hedges and NatWest Cup finals at Lord's are £30, the same as for the FA Cup final at Wembley. Seats for Rugby Union internationals at Twickenham will go up next season from £16 to £17.

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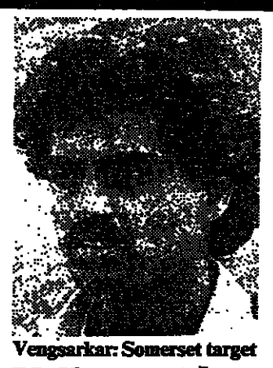
Somerset's soundings

Peter Roebuck, the Somerset cricket captain, last night confirmed that his county had "sounded out" the possibility of Dilip Vengsarkar, the former Indian captain, joining them next season.

Roebuck dismissed reports which have been emanating from Bombay that Vengsarkar was about to be offered a one-year contract as "speculation". Roebuck said: "I personally have not spoken to anybody, but we are certainly sounding out players."

Too short

Nairobi (AFP) – Swimming records which were set during last year's All Africa Games here have been nullified because the purpose-built pool was constructed two inches short.



Vengsarkar: Somerset target

Yellow cards

Yellow cards will be used by Welsh Rugby Union referees this season to indicate when players are being banished to the sin-bin. Any player who is disciplined for the obligatory 10 minutes three times will have to appear before the Welsh Rugby Union disciplinary committee, where they face a suspension.

Title seekers

Glazz Campbell (Brockley) takes on Serge Fame (Paddington) for the vacant Southern Area light heavyweight boxing title at Battersea town hall, on September 13.

Vautin signs

St Helens have completed the signing of Paul Vautin, the Australian international forward, who arrives in September from the Sydney club, Manly, on a six-month contract.

Sponsor found

Robert Lemieux, who this weekend attempts to avenge his narrow defeat in last year's British Open Horse Trials at Gatcombe Park, has signed a £50,000 two-year sponsorship contract with NM Schroder Financial Management Ltd. Lemieux was the reserve rider at the Los Angeles Olympics.